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## **Regents Approve New USD Minors**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Three minors aimed at preparing new graduates for their career goals were approved today in action taken by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The minors, all to be offered at the University of South Dakota, are in child and adolescent development, inter-professional disabilities services, and K-12 English as a new language.

The child and adolescent development minor provides students with research-based theory, knowledge, and skills in human development that can be applied to a broad array of interests and career goals. Students pursuing health careers or graduate training in health- or counseling-related fields should have particular interest in this minor, university officials said.

The minor in inter-professional disabilities services offers a course of study across several areas—health sciences, medicine, education, and arts and sciences—to better serve the needs of individuals with disabilities. Adding this minor to a program of study enhances the marketability of students entering the job market, as well as their readiness for graduate studies in the health and helping professions.

Students in teaching majors increasingly find themselves working with a growing population of new English language learners. The minor in K-12 English as a new language prepares teachers to work with those learners whose first language is not English. This minor will fulfill state requirements for an 18 credit-hour endorsement in teaching English as a new language.

All of the courses needed to offer these minors were already available through the public university system, and no additional state resources were required to implement the programs.