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New Minors, Certificate Programs Support Career Development

MADISON, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has approved new minors, specializations, and delivery options to better prepare South Dakotans for future workforce and career development opportunities.

A new minor was approved this week at **Northern State University** in geographic information sciences, while undergraduate minors in heavy-highway construction, human resources, and mental health services were authorized for **South Dakota State University**. Students pursue minors to gain a deeper understanding of a discipline or field of study beyond their major.

At the **University of South Dakota**, two new specializations in the master of business administration degree program will be offered. A specialization in marketing and another in operations and supply chain management each will require nine credit hours of study within the MBA curriculum. Both specializations will be offered online as part of USD's existing online MBA program.

Certificate programs will be available at **Northern State University** in biotechnology entrepreneurship and in geographic information sciences. A new graduate certificate at the **University of South Dakota** will be offered in bioethics. Certificate programs usually require fewer credit hours to complete than a minor. They are developed by packaging a small set of courses that allow students to develop expertise within a focused area of study, addressing identified market and workforce development needs.

In the **University of South Dakota's** master of science in administration program, the specialization in human resources management is now available to students through online distance delivery. Approval of this delivery option now makes all seven specializations within this graduate degree program available for completion online.