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New Associate Degrees Approved for Dakota State and USD

VERMILLION, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has approved new associate degrees aimed at meeting identified workforce development needs. Starting next fall, two-year degrees will be available in integrated science from the University of South Dakota and in web development from Dakota State University.

USD's associate of science degree in integrated science will blend instruction in the fields of chemistry, biology, and physics. Students will receive specialized training in regulatory affairs and biomedical technologies, preparing them for careers in the growing bio-tech sector in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. USD officials said nearly 20 large Sioux Falls-area employers reported a need for graduates of this new program.

The integrated science degree also gives students a leg up to pursue further study at the bachelor-degree level in biomedical engineering, medical laboratory science, and biology.

At DSU in Madison, the associate of science degree in web development prepares graduates to develop, modify, and maintain software for use on computers, handheld, and mobile devices. The degree may lead to career opportunities as an applications developer, IT consultant, information systems manager, systems analyst, database administrator, or network engineer.

All 60 credit hours earned in the two-year web development degree may also be applied to Dakota State's bachelor degree in computer information systems.