

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – M (2)
DATE: March 29-30, 2022

SUBJECT

Articulation Agreements – USD

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2:27](#) – Program to Program Articulation Agreements

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

BOR Policy 2:27 Program to Program Articulation Agreements establishes requirements for institutions seeking to develop program level agreements for interested transfer students. The policy further establishes the distinction between AA, AS, and AAS degrees which are classified as transferable, terminal, or non-transferable degrees (respectively). However, the AAS is “transferable when a specific degree articulation agreement exists between a given A.A.S. degree and a specific Baccalaureate degree.” Agreements established with regionally accredited institutions must be developed in conjunction with the faculty, following all institutional guidelines and are monitored as a function of the institutional program review process. Once approved, the agreements apply only at Regental institutions with equivalent programs.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

To comply with BOR Policy 2:27, the University of South Dakota (USD) requests approval for the following articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed applicable Associate of Applied Sciences degree programs at Southeast Technical College (STC) identified in Attachment I can apply credit toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences at USD.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – USD Articulation Agreement: Southeast Technical College (STC)

DRAFT MOTION 20220329_6-M(2):

I move to approve the University of South Dakota’s articulation agreement with Southeast Technical College, as presented in Attachment I.

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)

and

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE (STC)

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
 CARDIAC SONOGRAPHY (Formerly known as Cardiac Ultrasound Technology)
 DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY
 EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST
 NEURODIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY (Formerly known as Electroneurodiagnostic
 Technology)
 HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP
 INVASIVE CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGY (Formerly known as Invasive Cardiac
 Technology)
 LAW ENFORCEMENT SCIENCE
 MEDICAL CODING
 NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY (Terminated July 26, 2019)
 SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
 AND
 VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY (Formerly known as Vascular Ultrasound Technology)

Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Programs at STC

Towards the

HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Southeast Technical College (STC).

II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed articulation agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and complementary nature of the institutions' programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region;
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students;
- D. provide STC students who have completed an AAS degree in Cardiac Sonography, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Early Childhood Specialist, Electro neurodiagnostic Technology, Healthcare Leadership, Invasive Cardiovascular Technology, Law Enforcement Science, Medical Coding, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Surgical

Technology, or Vascular Sonography an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree.

- E. encourage students to graduate from both the AAS (STC) listed programs and Bachelor of Science with a major in Health Sciences (USD) program and work collaboratively on marketing and admissions guidance.

III. Academic Program

Graduation Requirements for the BS in Health Sciences at USD

Health Science Major Requirements:	36
General Education Credits: (up to 19 credits transfer per SDBOR/TC agreement)	32
<u>Transfer up to 52 block credits from STC AAS Degree:</u>	52
Total credits required:	120

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the B.S. in Health Sciences are reflected in the catalog website: <http://catalog.usd.edu/index.php>
- B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at STC if courses are delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. General education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If all required General Education credits are completed at STC while successfully completing the Associate of Applied Sciences Health or Human Services program, a total of 71 credit hours may transfer. **General Education Course Requirements**

USD General Education Requirements		Credit Hours	Southeast Technical College Transferable General Education Course (Must Meet Regental System Requirements)	Credit Hours
SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills (6 credits required)	English 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101 Composition	3
	Approved SGR 1 Course	3		
SGR 2 Oral Communication (3 credits required)	Approved SGR 2 Course	3	CMST 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
SGR 3 Social Sciences (3 credits required; two disciplines)	Approved SGR 3 Course; Discipline 1	3	SOC 150 Social Problems OR SOC 250 Courtship & Marriage	3
	Approved SGR 3 Course; Discipline 2	3	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
SGR 4 Humanities & Fine Arts (6 credits required; 3 Humanities & 3 Fine Arts)	Approved Humanities Course	3		
	Approved Fine Arts Course	3		
SGR 5 Mathematics	Approved SGR 5 Course	3	MATH 114 College Algebra OR MATH 120 Trigonometry	3
SGR 6 Natural Sciences (6 credits required)	PHGY 220/L Human Anatomy/Physiology I* PHGY 230/L Human Anatomy/Physiology I OR HSC 280/L Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology AND Approved SGR 6 Course	8	CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey with Lab	4
Total General Education Credits		30-32		Up to 19

*PHGY 220 Requires Chem 106 or higher as a prerequisite; Chem 106 or higher requires appropriate level math
The Health Sciences Major requires an anatomy and physiology sequence: either PHGY 220/230 OR HSC 280/281

IV. Pathway One: Reverse Articulation (completing years one and two at USD, years three and four at STC, and transferring STC credits back to USD for completion of degree)

- A. Students will complete the required B.S. in Health Sciences courses through the University of South Dakota during the first two years of their education. During the third year of their education and upon acceptance into the program at STC, students will enter one of the Associate of Applied Science programs listed above at STC and complete the requirements for the AAS at the end of the fourth year. Students are not guaranteed admission into AAS programs at STC.
- B. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS degree, the student will transfer back to USD and apply for graduation. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 52 technical course credits in transfer. In addition to the technical AAS degree course block credits, general education coursework that is equivalent to Regental courses will be transferable and accepted by USD.
- C. USD will waive the graduation requirement that 15 of the last 30 credits for the baccalaureate degree must be earned as institutional credit.
- D. Students must meet all other Board of Regents and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

V. Pathway Two: Forward Articulation (completing the AAS degree at STC and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences)

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS degree students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Health Sciences. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 52 technical course credits from the AAS degree. Students must successfully complete the AAS degree from STC prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted. Transferable general education coursework in addition to up to 52 technical course block credits will be accepted.
- B. Students will complete the requirements for the B.S. in Health Sciences and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- C. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

VI. Additional requirements

- A. All Board of Regents policies regarding instructor credentials must be met for general education courses to transfer.
- B. Students transferring coursework from STC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

VII. Obligations

Both parties agree to confer with each other on a yearly basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this articulation agreement.

VIII. Modification

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Southeast Technical College upon agreement by both parties.

IX. Incorporation of terms in master agreement.

The parties have entered into the present agreement pursuant to the original agreement of January 24, 2005, which was updated in 2006 and again in 2020 between the Board of Technical Education, Southeast Technical College, and the South Dakota Board of Regents on behalf of Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, South Dakota State University and The University of South Dakota. This agreement shall be subject to all terms and conditions stated in the July 1, 2020 agreement.

X. Termination

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.

XI. Effective Date of Agreement:

The agreement applies to students who graduated from STC in 2000 or later. This agreement was updated in 2021 and is in effect upon approval of all parties.

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