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## **Transfer Agreement Paves Way for Students to Complete Health Sciences Degree**

SPEARFISH, S.D. – A credit-transfer agreement between The University of South Dakota and three technical institutes in South Dakota will ease the way for two-year technical education students to complete a bachelor of science degree in health sciences.

The South Dakota Board of Regents approved the agreements Thursday, which cover 21 health-related programs offered at Lake Area, Southeast, and Western Dakota technical institutes. Similar agreements were also reached with Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, Iowa.

The agreements identify general education coursework and technical course credits that USD officials will accept from students, who have completed certain two-year programs at the technical institutes, and apply to the bachelor's degree in health sciences. Another pathway students may choose to take is to complete years one and two at USD, years three and four at the technical institute, and then transfer technical education credits back to USD to complete the bachelor's degree.

“These agreements seek to meet the divergent needs of students, by increasing educational opportunities across this state and region,” said Jack Warner, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “We recognize the very complementary nature of these two- and four-year academic programs, and we see them as providing viable health-care employment opportunities for students.”

These latest agreements bring the total number of credit-transfer agreements system-wide to 250. Total number of agreements at each institution breaks down as follows:

### **Public Universities**

Black Hills State University 24  
Dakota State University 55  
Northern State University 39  
South Dakota State University 67  
University of South Dakota 65

### **Technical Institutes**

Lake Area Technical Institute 68  
Mitchell Technical Institute 18  
Southeast Technical Institute 126  
Western Dakota Technical Institute 38