

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)
AND
AVERA MCKENNAN d/b/a AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL AND
UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY**

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE
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 Avera McKennan d/b/a Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center School of Radiologic Technology (Avera McKennan).

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. have a signed agreement that addresses the needs of students in the Avera McKennan Radiologic Technology program to complete an academic degree, enabling the radiologic technology graduate to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist's exam to be credentialed as a Registered Radiologic Technologist.

III. Academic Program

Graduation Requirements for the BS in Health Sciences at USD

Health Science Major Requirements:	44
General Education Credits:	30-32 ¹
<u>Transfer up to 49 block credits from Avera McKennan Radiologic Technology:</u>	<u>49</u>
Total credits required:	120

¹Natural Science general education requirements are reflected in the Health Sciences major requirements.

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the Health Sciences major are reflected in the catalog website: [USD Catalog: B.S. in Health Sciences](#)

- B.** The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements must also be completed as outlined below. General education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met.

General Education Course Requirements

General Education Requirements		
Written Communication and Literacy Skills	ENGL 101 Composition	3
Oral Communication	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
Social Sciences	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
Humanities and Fine Arts	ENGL 210	3
Mathematics	Math 114 College Algebra or higher	3
Natural Sciences	PHGY 220/Lab Human Anatomy and Physiology I HSC 280/Lab Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology	3-4*
Institution Designated General Education Requirements		
Advanced Composition		3
Additional Social Science Course	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3
Additional Fine Arts/Humanities		3
Additional lab science course/lab	Human Disease 281 or PHGY 230/Lab Human Anatomy and Integrated Physiology II	3-4*
Total General Education Credit Hours		30-32*

*Science credits double counted in total for the major

IV. Pathway One: Reverse Articulation (completing years one and two at USD, years three and four at Avera McKennan Radiologic Technology Program, and transferring radiologic technology block credits back to USD for completion of degree)

- A. Students will complete the required Health Science major courses through the University of South Dakota during the first two years of their education. While completing the required USD credit hours (71), the student will apply for admission to the Avera McKennan School of Radiologic Technology. This is a competitive process and admission is not guaranteed. Students who are granted admission will enter the radiologic technology program at Avera McKennan at the beginning of their third year and complete the requirements of the radiologic technology program at the end of the fourth year.
- B. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the radiologic technology program, the student will transfer back to USD and apply for graduation. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 49 radiologic technology credits in transfer.
- 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 Radiologic Technology Program at Avera McKennan and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences).

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the radiologic technology program, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Health Sciences. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 49 radiologic technology credits from the radiologic technology program. Students must successfully complete the radiologic technology program at Avera McKennan prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted.
- B. Students will complete the requirements for the health sciences major 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

Students transferring coursework from Avera McKennan 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 Avera McKennan.

IX. 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.

X. Effective Date of Agreement:

This agreement updated in 2020 is in effect upon signature of all parties.

XI. Signatures

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