

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)

and

Board of Regents of the UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, a corporate public body, by and on behalf of the UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER (UNMC)

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
Bachelor of Science Degree Program at UNMC
Towards the
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD

Whereas the University of South Dakota (USD) confers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical laboratory Science;

Whereas the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Allied Health Professions provides the senior-year professional instruction and curriculum through its National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) accredited Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program;

Whereas the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Allied Health professions confers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Science upon successful completion of the NAACLS accredited MLS program;

Whereas the parties wish to collaborate to increase opportunities for qualified students to complete the laboratory and clinical training portions of the program at UNMC;

Now therefore, it is agreed:

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, a corporate public body, by and on behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).

II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota, Nebraska, and the region;
- B. extend clinical educational opportunities for students;

- C. provide USD students who have completed the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) required pre-clinical courses at USD and NAACLS accredited MLS Program at UNMC an opportunity to earn separate Bachelor of Science degrees with a major in Medical Laboratory Science from both USD and UNMC.

III. Academic Program

Graduation Requirements for the BS in Medical Laboratory Science at USD

MLS Major Requirements:	50
General Education Credits:	24 ¹
<u>Transfer up to 46 block credits from UNMC Medical Laboratory Science:</u>	<u>46</u>
Total credits required:	120

¹Natural Science general education requirements are reflected in the Medical Laboratory Science major requirements

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the Medical Laboratory Science major are reflected in the catalog website: MLS Catalog
- B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements must also be completed.
- C. Candidates for the UNMC MLS program are required to complete a minimum of 77 semester hours of specific college prerequisites from USD prior to enrollment. (UNMC will transfer equivalent prerequisite coursework from any accredited college. Grades lower than "C-" will not transfer to UNMC for credit.) College prerequisites are subject to change; revisions to prerequisite requirements will be considered annually and coordinated with the Parties.

With expected completion of the prerequisite coursework prior to starting the UNMC MLS Program, students may submit an application to the UNMC Division Medical Laboratory Science for admission to the UNMC program. The number of students admitted to the program each year will be determined by UNMC. Students admitted to UNMC must meet all the same admissions requirements as traditional UNMC students such as immunizations, background checks, etc. Each year, the selection process will be a coordinated activity with USD and UNMC program representatives participating. USD students will pay UNMC the same tuition and fees as like students.

See UNMC MLS Website Admission to the Program for Admission Timetable.
See UNMC MLS Website Admission to the Program for Pre-requisite Requirements.

Summary of Partner Responsibilities:

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) will provide:

- Consultation for recruitment materials

- Medical Laboratory Science Program Director to direct, supervise, and coordinate the MLS professional educational program
- Academic faculty directly involved in student selection, advising, and instruction
- NAACLS Accreditation of the program and Clinical Affiliate Sites
- Upon admission into the MLS program, UNMC will provide student services, IT support, library services, and maintenance of all student records

University of South Dakota (USD) will provide:

- Recruitment materials for the UNMC MLS program
- USD official who will screen candidates to ensure that they meet UNMC MLS admission requirements
- Academic faculty directly involved in student instruction, advising, and program exam proctoring for all prerequisite courses
- A point of contact faculty member or administrator for program coordination
- Communication to appropriate students the USD and UNMC reverse articulation agreement requirements
- Facilitate all administrative infrastructure and processes for USD graduation and degree conferment

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

- A. Students will complete the required pre-clinical Medical Laboratory Science major courses through the University of South Dakota during the first three years of their education. During the fourth year, they will complete MLS professional curriculum through the UNMC Medical Laboratory Science program to fulfill the requirements for the BS in Medical Laboratory Science at USD. UNMC Curriculum
- B. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the BS degree in Medical Laboratory Science, the student will transfer a block of course credits that will not exceed 46 credits to USD and apply for graduation.
- 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. Additional requirements

Students transferring coursework from UNMC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

VI. Obligations

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

VII. Modification

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

VIII. 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.


This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by the University of South Dakota. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the University of South Dakota nor does it give rise to a claim against the University of South Dakota.


IX. Effective Date of Agreement:

The agreement applies to students who will graduate from USD 2018 or later.


For University of South Dakota

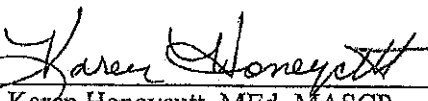
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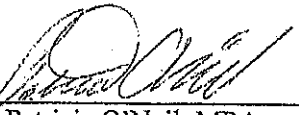

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