

**PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**The University of South Dakota (USD)**  
And  
**Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI)**

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**Speech Language Pathology Assistant**  
**Associate of Applied Science Degree Program at MTI**  
Towards the  
**Communications Sciences and Disorders (CSD)**  
**Bachelor's Degree (BS, BA) Program at USD**

**I. Parties**

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI).

**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 MTI students who have completed the A.A.S. degree in Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) an opportunity to earn a Bachelor's degree with a major in Communications Sciences and Disorders.

**III. Academic Program**

**Graduation Requirements**

Communications Sciences and Disorders Major Requirements	36
General Education Credits:	30
Requirements for BA (BS)	22 (21)
Block Transfer from MTI to USD	32
Elective (BS)	0 (1)
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the Communications Sciences and Disorders major are reflected in the USD Catalog.
- 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 MTI where equivalent courses are available. General education coursework included in the requirements for the A.A.S. in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant is identified in the chart below. Additional general education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If all credits indicated below are completed at MTI while successfully completing the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant program a total of 65 credit hours may transfer.

### General Education Course Requirements

System General Education Requirements				
	USD Coursework		MTI Coursework	
SGR #1 Written Communication (6 credits required)	Advanced Composition (3 CR)	3	ENGL 101 Composition I	3
SGR #2 Oral Communication (3 credits required)	To be completed at USD	3		
SGR #3 Social Science (6 credits required)			CHRD 130 Human Development COMM 210 Interpersonal Communication	6
SGR #4 Humanities and Fine Arts (6 credits required)	Fine Arts (To be completed at USD)	3	COMM 151 Mass Comm and Culture	3
SGR #5 Mathematics (3 credits required)			MATH 103 Mathematical Reasoning	3
SGR #6 Natural Science (6 credits required)	To be completed at USD	6		
<b>Total General Education Credit Hours by institution</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total General Education Credit Hours</b>				<b>30</b>

### Graduation requirements for the BA or BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Students who complete the A.A.S. degree in Speech Language Pathology Assistant at MTI are not required to complete a minor at USD.

Breakdown of Major Credits		<u>Bachelor of Science</u>	<u>Bachelor of Arts</u>
	Major courses completed at USD	18	18
	Major courses completed at MTI (transfer equivalencies)	18	18
	<b>Major Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>
Breakdown of Degree Credits	USD Credits	55	55
	MTI credits (transfer equivalencies)	65	65
	<b>Total Credits Required</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>

\*Students who complete the A.A.S. in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant are not required to complete a minor.

**IV. Forward Articulation (completing the A.A.S. in SLPA at MTI and transferring to USD to complete the B.A./B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders)**

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the A.A.S. degree in Speech Language Pathology Assistant, students may transfer to USD to complete the B.A. or B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders. If all credits indicated below are completed at MTI while successfully completing the SLPA program a total of 65 credit hours may transfer.
- B. Students will complete the remaining requirements for the Communication Sciences and Disorders major and any other general education or elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- C. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.
- D. Students who complete the A.A.S. degree in Speech Language Pathology Assistant are not required to complete a minor.

**V. Reverse Articulation (completing years one+ at MTI and remaining requirements at USD, and transferring USD credits back to MTI for completion of A.A.S. in SLPA Emphasis degree)**

- A. Students who complete a portion of the requirements for the A.A.S. degree in Speech Language Pathology Assistant at MTI and then transfer to USD, may transfer USD credits back to MTI for satisfaction of requirements for the A.A.S. degree in Speech Language Pathology Assistant. Courses to be accepted as transferable by MTI include those which satisfy the requirements for the A.A.S. in SLP Emphasis.

**VI. Reverse Articulation (completing years one and two at USD, years three and four at MTI, and transferring MTI credits back to USD for completion of degree)**

- B. Students will complete the general education and major courses through the University of South Dakota during the first two years of their education. During the third year of their education, they will enter the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant program at MTI and complete the requirements for the A.A.S. in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant at the end of the fourth year.
- C. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the A.A.S. degree in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, the student will transfer back to USD and apply for graduation. At that time, USD will accept equivalency transfer credits. Courses to be accepted as transferable by USD include both those which satisfy the major requirements in communication sciences and disorders as well as general education coursework that is equivalent to Regental courses.
- D. USD will waive the graduation requirement that 15 of the last 30 credits for the baccalaureate degree must be earned as institutional credit.
- E. Students must meet all other Board of Regents and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

**VII. Additional requirements**

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

**VIII. Obligations**

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

**IX. Modification**

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Mitchell Technical Institute.

**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:**

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

**XII. Signatures**

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