

## PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)  
and  
BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY (BHSU)

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**Associate of Science Degree Program at BHSU**  
Towards the  
**NURSING (BSN)**  
**Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD**

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### I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Black Hills State University (BHSU).

### 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 BHSU students who have completed the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences a seamless transition to the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN).
- E. encourage students to graduate from both the AS (BHSU) and BSN (USD) program and will work collaboratively on marketing and admissions guidance.

### III. Academic Program

#### **Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at USD**

BSN major requirements	58
General Education Requirements	32
<u>Foundational Course Requirements</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the major in Nursing (BSN) are reflected in the catalog website: <http://catalog.usd.edu/>

- B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements (SGR) must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at BHSU if equivalent courses are available and if delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. Required general education coursework required for the BS degree in Nursing is identified in the chart below. Additional general education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. The general education requirements for the BSN program may be completed at BHSU while the student completes the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences if desired.

### General Education Course Requirements

USD General Education Requirement			BHSU Equivalent	Credit Hours
<b>SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills</b>	ENGL 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101	3
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3	ENGL 201	3
<b>SGR 2 Oral Communication</b>	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	SPCM 101	3
<b>SGR 3 Social Sciences</b>	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 101	3
	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	3
<b>SGR 4 Humanities &amp; Fine Arts</b>	Humanities (PHIL 220) and Fine Arts	6	PHIL 220 (3) Approved fine arts (3)	6
<b>SGR 5 Mathematics</b>	Approved SGR 5 mathematics course	3	MATH 103 or higher	3
<b>SGR 6 Natural Sciences</b>	PHGY 220 Human Anatomy/Physiology I PHGY 230 Human Anatomy/Physiology I	8	BIOL 121/121L (4 credit hours)* BIOL 123/123L (4 credit hours)*	8
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>32</b>

\* BIOL 121/121L and BIOL 123/123L may meet the spirit of the SGR #6 requirement. These courses are equivalent to USD's ANAT 142/143 and PHGY 210/210L. These courses are used to meet the spirit of the general education courses.

- C. The Foundational Course Requirements for the Major must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at BHSU if equivalent courses are available and if delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. Foundational coursework required for the BS degree in Nursing is identified in the chart below. Additional foundational coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. The foundational course requirements for the BSN program may be completed at BHSU while the student completes the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences if desired.

### Foundational Course Requirements for Major

USD Foundational Course Requirements for Major		BHSU Equivalent**	
CHEM 106 plus 106L	4	CHEM 106/106L	4
HLTH 422	3	HLTH 315 or HLTH 422	3
NURS 119	1	GS 100	1
MICR 230	3	BIOL 231	3
MICR 232	1	BIOL 231L	1
PSYC 321	3	PSYC 221	3
PSYC 451	3	PSYC 451	3
HSC 250 or CLHU 101	3	BIOL 286	3
Electives	9	Approved electives**	3-9**
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>24-30</b>

\*\*BHSU equivalent courses included in the AS in Applied Health Sciences Degree; additional elective credits may be transferred if they meet Regental System General Education transfer requirements.

#### IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing AS degree in Applied Health Sciences at BHSU and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN))

- A. USD Nursing major courses NURS 311 and NURS 315 may count toward the completion of the AS in Applied Health Sciences as electives.
- B. Students may elect to participate in dual advising from BHSU and USD while completing the BHSU AS in Applied Health Sciences program in preparation for the USD Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- C. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AS in Applied Health Sciences at BHSU, they will graduate with an AS in Applied Health Sciences and are eligible to apply to the USD Department of Nursing. At the time of acceptance into the program, USD will accept all courses from the AS in Applied Health Sciences degree. Students must successfully complete the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences from BHSU prior to transferring to USD. Transferable general education coursework and other pre-nursing requirements will be accepted.
  - a. **General education credits from BHSU curriculum: 32**
  - b. **Foundational Course credits from BHSU curriculum: 24 - 30**
  - c. **Total USD BSN Credits: 58 - 64**
  - d. **Total Credits Required for BSN: 120**
- D. Once accepted into USD Nursing, students will complete the requirements for the Nursing (BSN) major and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- E. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements at both institutions in order to receive a degree.

**V. Additional requirements**

To be eligible for application to many USD SHS programs, students transferring coursework from BHSU must meet specific admission criteria. Minimum GPA requirements and grade acceptance vary among programs. USD will waive the application fee for BHSU Health Sciences students applying for admission to the BSN program.

**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.

**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:**

This agreement applies to students who graduated from BHSU after fall 2014 or later with an AS in Applied Health Sciences degree.

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