

## PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)  
and  
SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE (STC)

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**NURSING (LPN)**  
**Licensed Practical Nurse Diploma Program at STC**  
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 Southeast Technical College (STC).

### 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 STC students who have completed the licensed practical nurse (LPN) diploma an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree (BSN) with a major in Nursing.

### III. Academic Program

#### **Graduation Requirements for the BS in Nursing at USD**

BSN foundational course and major requirements	71
General Education Credits:	32
Block transfer credits from STC LPN diploma:	17
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the major in Nursing are reflected in the catalog website: [LPN - BSN major](#)

- 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 STC 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 LPN diploma are identified in the chart below. Additional general education coursework may be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. The general education requirements for the BSN program may be completed at STC while the student completes LPN diploma if desired.

### General Education (SGR) Course Requirements

USD General Education Requirement			STC Equivalent	Credit Hours
<b>SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills</b>	ENGL 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101	3*
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3		
<b>SGR 2 Oral Communication</b>	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	<i>SPCM 101** Or CMST 101**</i>	
<b>SGR 3 Social Sciences</b>	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 101	3*
	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology		<i>SOC 150**</i>	
<b>SGR 4 Humanities &amp; Fine Arts</b>	PHIL 100 and Fine Arts	6		
<b>SGR 5 Mathematics</b>	Approved SGR 5 mathematics course	3	<i>MATH 114** Or MATH 120**</i>	
<b>SGR 6 Natural Sciences</b>	PHGY 220 Human Anatomy/Physiology I PHGY 230 Human Anatomy/Physiology I	8	HC 118/118L <i>PHGY 215/L***</i>	4 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>10</b>

\*SDBOR approved transfers included in the LPN diploma curriculum at STC.

\*\*STC courses that meet USD requirements but not included in LPN curriculum.

\*\*\* Available USD course but not included in LPN curriculum.

<sup>1</sup> LPN diploma courses included in block credits.

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

### Foundational Course Requirements for Major

USD Foundational Course Requirements for Major		STC Equivalent	STC Credit Hours
CHEM 106 or CHEM 112	3	CHEM 106/L**	
HLTH 422 <sup>3</sup>	3		
MICR 230 <sup>3</sup>	3		
MICR 232 <sup>3</sup>	1		
PSYC 321 <sup>3</sup>	3		
PSYC 451 <sup>3</sup>	3		
HSC 250 or CLHU 101 <sup>3</sup>	3	HC 117	1 <sup>1</sup>
Elective credits	12***		12 <sup>1</sup>
LPN licensure (credit by verification for NURS 352 <sup>2</sup> [3cr], NURS 383 lab [1cr], and NURS 321 [3cr])	7		7*
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>20</b>

\*Credit for LPN licensure (requires credit by verification).

\*\*STC course that meets USD requirements but not included in LPN curriculum.

\*\*\*12 elective credits required to make up the difference between HSC250 (3cr) vs HC117 (1cr)

<sup>1</sup> LPN diploma courses included in block credits.

<sup>2</sup>Must meet benchmark on HESI Pharmacology exam to qualify.

<sup>3</sup>Available USD course not included in LPN curriculum.

#### IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing the LPN diploma at STC and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the LPN diploma at STC, and LPN licensure, they are eligible to apply to the USD Department of Nursing. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the LPN diploma program, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Nursing. At that time, USD will accept a block of 30 technical course credits from the LPN diploma. Students must successfully complete the LPN diploma from STC, and obtain LPN licensure, prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted. Transferable general education coursework in addition to the 30 technical course block credits will also be accepted.

**a. General education credits from STC LPN curriculum (transfer): 10**

**b. Foundational Course Requirements for Major: 20**

i. Total block credits included above: 17

**c. Total BSN Credits at USD: 90**

**d. Total Credits Required for BSN: 120**

B. Students will complete the requirements for the Nursing 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.

**V. Additional requirements**

To be eligible for application to many USD SHS programs, students transferring coursework from STC must meet specific admission criteria. Minimum GPA requirements and grade acceptance vary among programs.

**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 Southeast Technical College.

**VIII. Incorporation of terms in master agreement.**

The parties have entered into the present agreement pursuant to the original agreement of December 13, 2005, which was updated in 2020 between the Sioux Falls School District on behalf of Southeast Technical College and the South Dakota Board of Regents on behalf of Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. This agreement shall be subject to all terms and conditions stated in the July 1, 2020 agreement.

**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.

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.

**X. Effective Date of Agreement:**

This agreement applies to students who graduated from STC after fall 2018 or later with an LPN diploma.

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