

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

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

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
NURSING (RN)
Associates of Applied Science (AAS), Nursing at STC
Towards the
NURSING (RN-BSN)
Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD

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 AAS degree (RN) an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree (BSN) with a major in Nursing.

III. Academic Program

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the major in Nursing are reflected in the catalog website: [RN - 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 BSN degree (RN-BSN) 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 AAS degree (RN) if desired.

General Education (SGR) Course Requirements

| USD General Education Requirement | | | STC Equivalent | Cr Hrs |
|--|--|-----------|---|----------------|
| SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills | ENGL 101 Composition | 3 | ENGL 101* | 3* |
| | ENGL 201 Composition II | 3 | | |
| SGR 2 Oral Communication | SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech | 3 | <i>SPCM 101** Or CMST 101**</i> | |
| SGR 3 Social Sciences | PSYC 101 General Psychology | 3 | PSYC 101* | 3* |
| | SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology <i>or</i> SOC 150 Social Problems | 3 | SOC 150* <i>or</i> SOC 250 | 3* |
| SGR 4 Humanities & Fine Arts | Humanities | 3 | | |
| | Fine Arts | 3 | | |
| SGR 5 Mathematics | Approved SGR 5 mathematics course | 3 | <i>MATH 114** Or MATH 120**</i> | |
| SGR 6 Natural Sciences | PHGY 220 Human Anatomy/Physiology I | 8 | HC 118/118L | 4 ¹ |
| | PHGY 230 Human Anatomy/Physiology I | | PHGY 215/215L ² | 4 ² |
| Total General Education Credits | | 32 | | 17 |

*SDBOR approved transfers included in the STC AAS (RN) curriculum.

**STC courses that meet USD requirements but not included in AAS (RN) curriculum.

¹ STC AAS (RN) courses included in block credit (meets SGR 6).

² USD course and credits reflected on USD transcript

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 BSN degree (RN-BSN) 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 AAS (RN) degree if desired.

Foundational Course Requirements for Major

| USD Foundational Course Requirements for Major | | STC Equivalent | STC Cr Hrs |
|--|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| CHEM 106 or CHEM 112 | 4 | <i>CHEM 106/L**</i> | |
| MICR 230 ³ | 3 | MICR 231 | 3 ¹ |
| PHIL 320 | 3 | | |
| PSYC 451 ³ | 3 | | |
| Elective credits | 13 | | 13 ¹ |
| ASN conferred degree | 35 | | 35 ¹ |
| RN-BSN Major coursework | 27 | | |
| Total General Education Credits | 88 | | 51 |

**STC course that meets USD requirements but not included in AAS (RN) curriculum.

¹ STC AAS (RN) courses included in block credits.

IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing the AAS (RN) degree at STC and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS (RN) degree at STC, and RN licensure, they are eligible to apply to the USD Department of Nursing. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS (RN) degree program, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Nursing. At that time, USD will accept a block of 56 technical course credits from the AAS (RN) degree. Students must successfully complete the AAS (RN) degree from STC, and obtain RN licensure, prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted. Transferable general education coursework in addition to the 56 technical course block credits will also be accepted.
 - a. **General education credits from STC AAS curriculum: 17**
 - b. **Foundational Course Requirements from STC AAS curriculum: 51**
 - c. **BSN Credits at USD: 52**
 - 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 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.

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 AAS (RN) degree.

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