

## **PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)**  
and  
**SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (STI)**

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**NURSING (RN)**  
Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program at STI  
Towards the  
**NURSING (RN-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 Institute (STI).

### **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 STI students who have completed the AAS degree in Nursing an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (RN-BSN).

### **III. Academic Program**

#### **Graduation Requirements for the BS in Health Sciences at USD**

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| RN-BSN major requirements                            | 40         |
| General Education Credits:                           | 32         |
| <u>Block transfer credits from STI Nursing (RN):</u> | <u>48</u>  |
| <b>Total credits required:</b>                       | <b>120</b> |

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

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 STI 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 AAS in Nursing are identified in the chart below. Additional general education coursework may be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If all required General Education credits are completed at STI while successfully completing the AAS in Nursing program up to 75 credit hours may transfer. If students have additional equivalent coursework that meets Nursing (RN-BSN) requirements, a total of 90 transfer credits may be allowed.

**General Education (SGR) Course Requirements**

| USD General Education Requirement                              |  |           | STI Equivalent          | Credit Hours           |
|--|--|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>SGR 1<br/>Written Communication<br/>and Literacy Skills</b> | ENGL 101 Composition   | 3         | ENGL 101                | 3*                     |
|  | ENGL 201 Composition II  | 3         |                         |                        |
| <b>SGR 2<br/>Oral Communication</b>                            | SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech  | 3         | SPCM 101                | 3*                     |
| <b>SGR 3<br/>Social Sciences</b>                               | PSYC 101 General Psychology  | 3         | PSYC 101                | 3*                     |
|  | SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology  | 3         | SOC 150 or SOC 250      | 3*                     |
| <b>SGR 4<br/>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts</b>                    | Humanities and Fine Arts   | 6         |                         |                        |
| <b>SGR 5<br/>Mathematics</b>                                   | Approved SGR 5 mathematics course  | 3         |                         |                        |
| <b>SGR 6<br/>Natural Sciences</b>                              | PHGY 220 Human Anatomy/Physiology I<br>PHGY 230 Human Anatomy/Physiology I | 8         | HC 118/118L<br>PHGY 210 | 8**                    |
| <b>Total General Education Credits</b>                         |  | <b>32</b> |                         | <b>20*<sup>1</sup></b> |

\*Included in the AAS in Nursing curriculum at STI. In addition, students will transfer in 8 credits for MICR 231 (upon approval of credit by verification) and CHEM 106 for a total of 27 credits.

\*\*An approved Credit by Verification necessary for transfer of credit and meeting the spirit of SGR 6.

<sup>1</sup>Additional general education credits may be transferred if they meet Regental System General Education transfer requirements up to a total of 90 credit hours.

**IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing the AAS in Nursing at STI and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN))**

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS in Nursing, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Nursing (RN-BSN). At that time, USD will accept a block of 48 technical course credits from the AAS degree in Nursing. Students must successfully complete the AAS degree in Nursing from STI prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted. Transferable general education coursework in addition to the 48 technical course block credits will also be accepted.
  - a. **General education credits from STI AAS curriculum: 27**
    - i. Includes 11 credit hours that require approval of credit by verification.
  - b. **Total block credits: 48**
  - c. **Total USD RN-BSN Credits: 45**
  - d. **Total Credits Required for RN-BSN: 120**
- B. Students will complete the requirements for the Nursing (RN-BSN) 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**

- A. Students transferring coursework from STI 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 Southeast Technical Institute.

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

The parties have entered into the present agreement pursuant to the agreement of December 13, 2005 between the Sioux Falls School District on behalf of Southeast Technical Institute 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 December 13, 2005 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:**

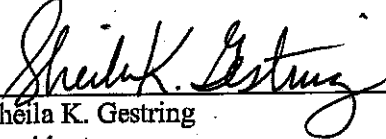
This agreement applies to students who graduated from STI after fall 2018 or later with an AAS in Nursing degree.

For University of South Dakota:



Date: 8/27/18

Dr. Michael J. Lawler  
Dean, School of Health Sciences  
University of South Dakota



Date: 8/28/18

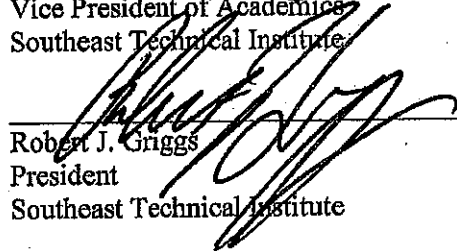
Sheila K. Gestring  
President  
University of South Dakota

For Southeast Technical Institute:



Date: 16 Aug 2018

Benjamin Valdez  
Vice President of Academics  
Southeast Technical Institute



Date: Aug 20, 2018

Robert J. Griggs  
President  
Southeast Technical Institute