

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – H (3)
DATE: April 2-3, 2025

SUBJECT

Articulation Agreements – SDSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2.2.2.1](#) – Seamless Transfer of Credit

[BOR Policy 2.2.2.3](#) – External (Non-Regental System) Accredited University/College
Transfer of Credit

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

BOR Policy 2.2.2.1 – Seamless Transfer of Credit establishes requirements for institutions seeking to develop program level agreements for interested transfer students. The policy further establishes the distinction between AA, AS, and AAS degrees which are classified as transferable, terminal, or non-transferable degrees (respectively). However, the AAS is “transferable when a specific degree articulation agreement exists between a given A.A.S. degree and a specific Baccalaureate degree.” Agreements established with regionally accredited institutions must be developed in conjunction with the faculty, following all institutional guidelines and are monitored as a function of the institutional program review process. Once approved, the agreements apply only at Regental institutions with equivalent programs.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

To comply with BOR Policy 2.2.2.1, South Dakota State University requests approval to update the following articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed the Pre-Nursing Curriculum at Chadron State College (CSC) may apply up to 90 credits toward the BSN in Nursing at SDSU.
- Students who have completed a Bachelor of Science degree, along from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSMT), along with Pre-Nursing course requirements, may apply credits toward the BSN in Accelerated Nursing at SDSU.

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DRAFT MOTION 20250402_5-H(3):

I move to approve South Dakota State University to finalize and execute the articulation agreements between SDSU Chadron State College, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and Mitchell Technical College in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I.

- Students who have completed the Geospatial Technologies Diploma at Mitchell Technical College (MTC) may apply up to 60 credits toward the BS in Geographic Information Sciences (GISc) at SDSU.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – SDSU Articulation Agreements

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE (CSC)
and
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSU)

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
PRE-NURSING CURRICULUM
Towards the
NURSING (BSN)
Bachelor of Science Degree Program at SDSU

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are South Dakota State University (SDSU) and Chadron State College (CSC).

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; and
- D. provide CSC students an opportunity to complete the pre-nursing curriculum at CSC and seamlessly transfer to SDSU to complete the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN) in a seamless process.

III. Academic Program

- A. Requirements to be completed at SDSU for the major in Nursing (BSN) are reflected in the catalog website: catalog.sdstate.edu

Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at SDSU

BSN major requirements	62
Electives	12
General Education Requirements	30
<u>Pre-Nursing Course Requirements</u>	<u>16</u>
Total credits required:	120

No more than a total of 90 credits may be transferred from CSC to SDSU. At least 30 credits must be completed at SDSU. Students must meet all SDBOR and SDSU policies and graduation requirements to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

- 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 CSC 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 CSC.

General Education Course Requirements

SDSU General Education Requirement			CSC Equivalent	Credit Hours
SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills	Approved SGR #1 courses	6	ENG 135 Rhetoric & Writing	3
			ENGL 299 Into to Creative Writing	3
SGR 2 Oral Communication	Approved SGR #2 course	3	CA 125 Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
			CA 155 Public Speaking	3
SGR 3 Social Sciences	Approved SGR #3 courses	3	Approved SGR #3 courses	3
SGR 4 Humanities & Fine Arts	Approved SGR #4 courses	6	Approved SGR #4 courses	6
SGR 5 Mathematics	Approved SGR #5 course	3	MATH 142 College Algebra OR MATH 232 Applied Statistics	3
SGR 6 Natural Sciences	MICR 231/231L General Microbiology/Lab AND CHEM 106/106L Chemistry Survey/Lab OR CHEM 112/112L General Chemistry I/Lab	8	CHEM 140/140L Survey of Chemistry	4
			BIOL 241/L Microbiology & Lab	4

- C. The Pre-Nursing Course Requirements for the Major must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at CSC if equivalent courses are available. Additional foundational coursework will be transferred if the Regental System transfer requirements are met.

Pre-Nursing Course Requirements for Major

SDSU Foundational Course Requirements for Major		CSC Equivalent or Substitution	
BIOL 221/221L Human Anatomy and Lab	4	BIOL 240/240L Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 325/325L Physiology and Lab	4	BIOL 242/242L Anatomy & Physiology II	4
HDFS 210 Lifespan Development	3	PSYC 254 Developmental Psychology	3
NURS 119 First Year Seminar	2	EDU 121 The Academic Life	3
NUTR 315 Human Nutrition	3	FCS 247 Nutrition	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 131 Intro to Psychology	3
Total Pre-Nursing Credits	19	Total CSC Credits	20

- D. Additional foundational coursework will be transferred in as electives.

IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing pre-nursing coursework at CSC and transferring to SDSU to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN))

- A. During the final semester of pre-nursing coursework at CSC, students can apply to the SDSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- B. At the time of acceptance into the SDSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, SDSU will accept all pre-nursing courses from CSC as listed in this agreement. Transferable general education coursework and other pre-nursing requirements will be accepted.
- C. Once accepted into SDSU Nursing, students will complete the requirements for the Nursing (BSN) major and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- D. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies, as well as university graduation requirements of the institution granting the degree.

V. Obligations

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

VI. Modification

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

VII. 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 either party. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by either party nor does it give rise to a claim against either party.

This agreement will be reviewed on a regular basis from the effective date per South Dakota Board of Regents policy 2.2.2.3. This agreement may be reviewed as needed at the prompting of either party.

VIII. Effective Date of Agreement:

This agreement will take full effect upon approval from all parties and the South Dakota Board of Regents. This agreement applies to students who are enrolled in pre-nursing courses at CSC.

For Chadron State College:

_____ Date: _____
Name
Dean of College
Chadron State College

_____ Date: _____
Name
President
Chadron State College

For South Dakota State University:

_____ Date: _____
Mary Anne Krogh, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Nursing
South Dakota State University

_____ Date: _____
Dennis Hedge, Pharm.D.
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
South Dakota State University

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY (SDSMT)
and
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSU)

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE (BS)
Towards the
ACCELERATED NURSING (BSN)
Bachelor of Science Degree Program at SDSU

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are South Dakota State University (SDSU) and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT).

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; and
- D. provide SDSMT students an opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science (BS) in any area at SDSMT and transfer to SDSU to complete the Accelerated Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN) in a seamless process.

III. Academic Program

Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at SDSU

BSN major requirements	62
General Education Requirements & Electives from previous BS	30
Pre-Nursing Course Requirements	28
Total credits required:	120

- A. Requirements to be completed at SDSU for the major in Nursing (BSN) are reflected in the catalog website: catalog.sdstate.edu
- B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements (SGR) will be completed as part of the bachelor's degree program completed at SDSMT. Under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents, students who complete the System General Education Requirement at any Regental institution will have fulfilled the System General Education Requirements for their degree program. The completion of the requirements will internally transfer with the courses, credit hours and grades assigned regardless of the course distributions or approved course lists.

- C. The Pre-Nursing Course Requirements for the Major must be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at SDSMT if equivalent courses are available. Additional foundational coursework will be transferred if the Regental System transfer requirements are met.

Pre-Nursing Course Requirements for Major

SDSU Foundational Course Requirements for Major		SDSMT Equivalent or Substitution	
BIOL 221/221L Human Anatomy and Lab	4	BIOL 221/221L Human Anatomy & Lab	4
BIOL 325/325L Physiology and Lab	4	BIOL 326/326L Biomedical Physiology & Lab	4
CHEM 106/106L or CHEM 112/112L	4	CHEM 112/112L General Chemistry & Lab	4
MICR 231/231L General Microbiology and Lab	4	BIOL 331/331L Microbiology and Lab	4
HDFS 210 Lifespan Development	3	PSYC 321 Human Development Through the Lifespan	3
NURS 119 First Year Seminar*	2*	Course waived with earned bachelor's degree	0
NUTR 315 Human Nutrition	3	NUTR 315 Human Nutrition, HLTH 422 Nutrition, or BIOL 315 Human Nutrition**	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3
Total Pre-Nursing Credits	30	Total SDSMT Credits	28

* NURS 119 is waived for students who have already earned a bachelor's degree.

** SDSMT does not currently offer a nutrition course, these students can complete this requirement through SDSU, via NUTR 315 or another regental institution via HLTH 422 or BIOL 315. BIOL 315 is noted as a common course, should SDSMT elect to offer this course, it will be accepted as a substitute.

- D. Additional foundational coursework will be transferred in as electives.

IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation

- A. To be considered for admission to the accelerated BSN program, students must have:
- A cumulative GPA of 2.700 or higher and
 - A grade of "C" or higher in all completed courses required for graduation.
- B. Students may elect to participate in dual advising from SDSMT and SDSU while completing a bachelor's degree from SDSMT in preparation for the SDSU Accelerated BSN program.
- C. Upon successful completion of the requirements of a bachelor's degree from SDSMT, students will graduate with their chosen bachelor's degree. Provided they meet all other admissions requirements and application deadlines, students will have a guaranteed seat in the Rapid City site for the SDSU College of Nursing Accelerated BSN program.

- D. During the final year of coursework at SDSMT, students can apply to the SDSU Accelerated BSN program. The Accelerated BSN only admits students once a year, applications will open on February 1st, a priority deadline of April 1st and final deadline of November 1st. The start date will be the Spring semester. SDSMT students must have their application submitted by the priority deadline to receive the guaranteed admission. If the application is received after this date, they are included in the competitive application process.
- E. At the time of acceptance into the SDSU Accelerated BSN program, SDSU will accept all pre-nursing courses from SDSMT as listed in this agreement. Transferable general education coursework and other pre-nursing requirements will be accepted.
- F. Once accepted into SDSU Nursing, students will complete the requirements for the Nursing (BSN) major.
- G. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies, as well as university graduation requirements of the institution granting the degree.

V. Obligations

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

VI. Modification

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

VII. 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 either party. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by either party nor does it give rise to a claim against either party.

This agreement will be reviewed at minimum every seven years from the effective date. This agreement may be reviewed as needed at the prompting of either party.

VIII. Effective Date of Agreement:

This agreement will take full effect upon approval from all parties and the South Dakota Board of Regents. This agreement applies to students who are enrolled in bachelor's degree programs at SDSMT.

For South Dakota School of Mines and Technology:

_____ Date: _____
Jim Stone, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

_____ Date: _____
Brian Tande, Ph.D. P.E.
President
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

For South Dakota State University:

_____ Date: _____
Mary Anne Krogh, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Nursing
South Dakota State University

_____ Date: _____
Dennis Hedge, Pharm.D.
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
South Dakota State University

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
MITCHELL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
 and
 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
Diploma in Geospatial Technologies
 Towards the
Bachelor of Science, major in Geographic Information Sciences (GISc)

I. Parties

Parties to this agreement are Mitchell Technical College (MTC) and South Dakota State University (SDSU)

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 institution's programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region.
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students; and
- D. provide Mitchell Technical College graduates of the Geospatial Technologies diploma an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Geographical Information Science.

III. Academic Program

- A. Upon successful completion of the major requirements specified in III, SDSU will accept **23 technical course credits as a block** from the Geospatial Technologies Diploma. These technical credits will be placed on the student's transcript as GEOG 200T. Transferable prerequisite and general education credits meeting South Dakota Board of Regents (SDBOR) and SDSU transfer requirements may be earned at MTC and are in addition to the technical course block credits.

No more than a total of 60 credits may be transferred from MTC to SDSU. At least 30 credits must be completed at SDSU. Students must meet all SDBOR and SDSU policies and graduation requirements to earn the B.S. Geographic Information Sciences degree.

B. General Education Requirements (SGRs) credits

The following SGR courses are required for the B.S. in Geographic Information Sciences. Courses approved as transferrable general education courses for MTC are also included in the table. SDSU will accept these transferrable general education courses beyond the 23 technical credits.

SDSU General Education Requirements (32 credits*)

SGR Goal	SDSU Course(s)	Cr
SGR Goal #1 Written Communication	Any approved SGR #1 course	6
SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication	Any approved SGR #2 course	3
SGR Goal #3 Social Sciences	GEOG 111 OR GEOG 200 OR GEOG 210	3
	Any approved SGR #3 course	3
SGR Goal #4 Arts and Humanities	Any approved SGR #4 course	6
SGR Goal #5 Mathematics	Any approved SGR #5 course	3
SGR Goal #6 Natural Sciences	GEOG 131/131L	4
	GEOG 132/132L	4

*Depending on courses selected at MTC. The Geospatial Technologies program at MTC requires students to take a 3-credit communications elective and a 3 credit math elective. Students selecting ENGL 101 or CMST 101 at MTC will receive 3 credits for SGR #1 or SGR #2, respectively. Students completing MATH 103 at MTC will receive 3 credits for SGR #5.

C. Major Requirements for the B.S. Geographic Information Sciences: 35 credits

1. _GEOG 131 & 131L Physical Geography: Weather & Climate and Lab __(_4_cr)
2. _GEOG 132 & 132L Physical Geography: Natural Landscapes and Lab __(_4_cr)
3. _GEOG 200 Introduction to Human Geography_____(_3_cr)
4. _GEOG 210 World Regional Geography_____(_3_cr)
5. _GEOG 280 Introduction to Remote Sensing_____(_3_cr)
6. _GEOG 421 Research Methods in Geography_____(_3_cr)
7. _GEOG 447 Geography of the Future or GEOG 454 Sustainable Communities_____(_3_cr)
8. _GEOG 480 & GEOG 480L Satellite Remote Sensing and Lab____(_3_cr)

Select one of the two options (Analyst or Developer)

Analyst Option (15 credits)

1. GEOG 473 & 473L GIS: Data Creation and Integration_____(_3_cr)
2. GEOG 474 & GEOG 474L GIS: Vector and Raster Modeling_____(3_cr)
3. GEOG 475 & GEOG 475L GIS Applications_____(_3_cr)

Developer Option (15 credits)

1. GEOG 471 Introduction to GIS Programming_____ (3_cr)
2. GEOG 477 & GEOG 477L Spatial Databases_____ (3_cr)

Select one of the following (3 credits)

1. GEOG 383 & GEOG 383L Cartography_____ (3_cr)
2. GEOG 473 & 473L GIS: Data Creation and Integration_____ (3_cr)

3. GEOG 474 & GEOG 474L GIS: Vector and Raster Modeling_____(3_cr)
4. GEOG 475 & GEOG 475L GIS Applications_____ (3_cr)
5. GEOG 483 & GEOG 483L UAS Remote Sensing_____ (3_cr)
6. GEOG 485 & GEOG 485L Quantitative Remote Sensing____(3_cr)

D. Electives: as needed to reach 120 credits total

TOTAL ___120_____ CREDITS

TOTAL SDSU CREDITS: ___

General education and supporting courses:	0*
BS GISc major requirements:	35
Block Transfer from MTC:	23
Electives:	62*

* Depending on courses taken at MTC

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 120

If students have additional credits that meet SDSU and SDBOR guidelines for transfer, such credits may transfer to SDSU up to 60 credits total. At least 30 credits must be completed at SDSU.

Additional Requirements:

1. Students transferring from MTC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
2. Course grades of “C” and above meet the College of Natural Sciences requirements.
3. Students must complete all Department of Geography and Geospatial Sciences academic requirements for the bachelor’s degree. These requirements include:
 - a. Completion of a minimum of 10 credits of natural sciences. Coursework must include 2 prefixes.
 - b. One declared minor outside of the major prefix or a second major or a teaching specialization.
 - c. A minimum of 30 credits of upper division coursework.
4. Credit for technical course transfer requires that the student has completed Geospatial Technologies Diploma.
5. Student must be admitted to South Dakota State University
6. Student must complete all pre-requisite requirements.

IV. Obligations

Both parties agree to confer with each other as needed regarding changes in curricula involved in this Articulation Agreement.

V. Modifications

This agreement may be modified from time to time by SDSU and MTC. Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of this agreement, except in rare instances in which retroactive implementations of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to conform to professional licensure requirements.

VI. Effective Date of Agreement

This agreement shall be in effect upon approval by all parties.

VII. Acceptance of Agreement

For South Dakota State University

Dean of Natural Sciences

Date: _____

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: _____

For Mitchell Technical College

Vice President for Academics

Date: _____

President

Date: _____