

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – J (2)
DATE: March 29-30, 2023

SUBJECT

Articulation Agreements – SDSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2:5](#) – Seamless Transfer of Credit

[BOR Policy 2:5:2](#) – External (Non-Regental System) Accredited University/College
Transfer of Credit

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

BOR Policy 2:5 – Seamless Transfer of Credit 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 2:5, South Dakota State University requests approval for the following articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed an AAS degree in Registered Nursing at Iowa Lakes Community College (ILCC) may apply up to 80 credits toward the BS in Nursing at SDSU. SDSU was granted a waiver by the System Vice President for Academic Affairs to exceed 60 credits (50% of the degree).

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – SDSU Articulation Agreement: Iowa Lakes Community College (ILCC)

DRAFT MOTION 20230329_5-J(2):

I move to approve South Dakota State University’s articulation agreement with Iowa Lakes Community College (ILCC), as presented.

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
Iowa Lakes Community College
and
South Dakota State University

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
Associate Degree in Nursing Program
Towards the
Bachelor of Science, major in Nursing
RN to B.S.N. Option

I. Parties

Parties to this agreement are Iowa Lakes Community College (ILCC) 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 ILCC graduates of the Associate Degree Registered Nursing (RN) an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN).

III. Academic Program

- A. Upon successful completion of the major requirements specified in III, SDSU will accept a block of 46 nursing technical course credits from the A.A.S. degree. These nursing technical credits will be placed on the student's transcript as ATIP 292 AAS PROG IN REGISTERED NURSE. Additionally, a block of 11 prerequisite credits will be awarded for ILCC technical coursework related to anatomy and physiology and psychology for a total of 57 block credits.

General education coursework for the A.D. in Nursing at ILCC is specified below. Additional transferrable general education coursework may be transferred if the SD Board of Regents System (SDBOR) and SDSU General Education transfer requirements are met.

No more than a total of 90 credits may be transferred from ILCC 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 BSN degree.

- B. **General Education Requirements (SGRs) 23 credits**

Transferrable general education requirements required in the ILCC nursing curriculum are *italicized* and listed next to the SDSU requirement in the table below. Additional transferrable general education credits could be transferred if the courses meet SDBOR and SDSU guidelines.

SDSU General Education Requirements			ILCC Required Coursework	
SGR Goal	SDSU Course	Cr	ILCC Course	Cr
SGR Goal #1 Written Communication	ENGL 101 Composition I	3	<i>ENG 105 Composition I</i>	3
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3	<i>ENG 106 Composition II</i>	3
SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	<i>SPC 101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication</i>	3
SGR Goal #3 Social Sciences	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3		
	HDFS 210 Lifespan Development	3	<i>PSY 121 Developmental Psychology</i>	3
SGR Goal #4 Arts and Humanities	Choose 2 courses with different prefixes from approved list in SDSU catalog	6		
SGR Goal #5 Mathematics	MATH 103 or higher	3	<i>MAT 121 College Algebra</i>	3
SGR Goal #6 Natural Sciences	CHEM 106/106L Chemistry Survey and Lab	4	<i>CHM 151 College Chemistry and Lab</i>	4
	MICR 231/231L Microbiology and Lab	4	<i>BIO 186 Microbiology</i>	4

C. General Education and Supporting Requirements to be completed at SDSU or as equivalent courses elsewhere: 9 credits

1. SGR #3 Social Sciences (3 cr)
2. SGR #4 Humanities and Arts/Diversity (6 cr)

D. Major Requirements 24 credits

1. NURS 300: Transition to BSN (3 cr)
2. NURS 461: Vulnerable Populations: Nursing Perspectives (3 cr)
3. NURS 462: Population Health: Nursing Perspectives (3 cr)
4. NURS 463: Health Policy & Economics (3 cr)
5. NURS 464: Genetics & Genomics in Nursing (3 cr)
6. NURS 465: Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice (3 cr)
7. NURS 466: Healthcare Systems & Informatics (3 cr)
8. NURS 469: Nursing Leadership Capstone (3 cr)

E. Electives: 7 credits or as needed to reach 120 credits total

TOTAL ILCC CREDITS: 80

Nursing technical course block credits: 46
 Prerequisite technical block credits: 11
 Transferrable general education credits: 23

TOTAL SDSU CREDITS: 40

General education and supporting courses: 9
 Nursing major requirements: 24
 Electives: 7

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 120

If students have additional credits that meet SDSU and SDBOR guidelines for transfer, additional credits may transfer to SDSU up to 90 credits total. At least 30 credits must be completed at SDSU.

Additional Requirements:

1. Students transferring must meet university transfer requirements.
2. Course grades of “C” and above meet the College of Nursing requirements.
3. Credit for technical course transfer requires that the student has completed A.D. Nursing (RN) degree.
4. Student must be admitted to South Dakota State University.
5. Student must complete all pre-requisite requirements prior to B.S.N. graduation.
6. Student must be admitted to professional RN to B.S.N. option.
7. Student must have unencumbered license in state of practice prior to B.S.N. graduation.

IV. Obligations

Both parties agree to confer with each other on an annual basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this Articulation Agreement.

V. Modifications

This agreement may be modified from time to time by SDSU and ILCC. 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

Mary Anne Krogh
Dean of Nursing

Date: _____

Dennis Hedge
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: _____

For Iowa Lakes Community College

Scott Stokes
President of Iowa Lakes Community College

Date: _____

Robert Leifeld
Vice President of Administration/ Chief Academic Officer

Date: _____