

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – F
DATE: July 31 – August 2, 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 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 2:5, South Dakota State University requests approve for the following articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed an AA degree in the Nursing program at Oglala Lakota College (OLC) may apply up to 90 credits toward the BS in Medical Laboratory Science program at SDSU.

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DRAFT MOTION 20230731_6-F:

I move to approve the articulation agreement between South Dakota State University and Ogalala Lakota College (OLC) and the revised articulation agreement between South Dakota State University and Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC), as presented.

SDSU also requests approval for the following revised articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed an AAS degree in the Medical Laboratory Technician program at Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) may apply up to 60 credits toward the BS in Medical Laboratory Science program at SDSU.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – SDSU Articulation Agreement with Oglala Lakota College (OLC)

Attachment II – SDSU Articulation Agreement with Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC)

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
 OGLALA LAKOTA COLLEGE
 and
 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

I. Parties

Parties to this agreement are Oglala Lakota College (OLC) 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 OLC graduates of the A.A. degree in 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 46 technical course credits from the A.A. degree. These technical credits will be placed on the student's transcript as ATIP 292 AAS PROG IN REGISTERED NURSE. Additionally, a block of 8 prerequisite credits will be awarded for OLC technical coursework related to anatomy and physiology for a total of 54 credits.

General education coursework for the A.A. in Nursing at OLC 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 OLC to SDSU. At least 30 credits must be completed at SDSU. Students must meet all SDBOR and SDSU policies and SDSU graduation requirements to earn a degree.

- B. **General Education Requirements (SGRs): 18 credits**

Transferrable general education requirements required in the OLC 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			OLC Required Coursework	
SGR Goal	SDSU Course	Cr	OLC Course	Cr
SGR Goal #1 Written Communication	ENGL 101 Composition I	3	<i>ENGL 103 Freshman English I</i>	3
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3		
SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication	Choose 1 course from approve list in SDSU catalog	3		
SGR Goal #3 Social Sciences	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3	<i>PSY 103 General Psychology</i>	3
	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3		
SGR Goal #4 Arts and Humanities	Choose 2 courses with different prefixes from approved list in SDSU catalog	6	<i>LAK 103 Lakota Language I or LSOC 103 Lakota Culture</i>	3
SGR Goal #5 Mathematics	MATH 103 or higher	3		
SGR Goal #6 Natural Sciences	CHEM 106/106L Chemistry Survey and Lab	4	<i>CHEM 114 and CHEM 111 Chemistry for Health Sciences and Lab</i>	5
	MICR 231/231L Microbiology and Lab	4		<i>BIO 204 Basic Microbiology</i>

C. General Education and Supporting Requirements to be completed at SDSU or as equivalent courses elsewhere: 18 credits

1. HDFS 210 Lifespan Development (3 cr)
2. SGR #1 Written Communication (3 cr)
3. SGR #2 Oral Communication (3 cr)
4. SGR #3 Social Sciences (3 cr)
5. SGR #4 Humanities and Arts/Diversity (3 cr)
6. SGR #5 Mathematics (3 cr)

D. Major Requirements for the RN to B.S.N. Option 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. Elective Requirement: 6 credits or as needed to reach 120 credits total

TOTAL OLC CREDITS: 72

Nursing technical course block credits: 46

Prerequisite technical block credits: 8

Courses meeting SDSU general education goals: 18

TOTAL SDSU CREDITS: 48

General education and supporting requirements: 18
 Nursing major requirements: 24
 Electives: 6

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.A. Nursing degree.
4. Student must be admitted to South Dakota State University.
5. Student must complete all pre-requisite requirements.
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 OLC. 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.

IV. 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 Oglala Lakota College

Date: _____

Date: _____

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
and
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
Medical Laboratory Technician
Associate of Applied Science Degree Program
Towards the
Bachelor of Science, major in Medical Laboratory Science Degree Program

I. Parties

Parties to this agreement are Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) 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 WDTC graduates of the A.A.S. degree an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Medical Laboratory Science.

III. Academic Program

- A. Upon successful completion of the major requirements specified in III, SDSU will accept 41 technical course credits as a block from the A.A.S. degree in Medical Laboratory Technician coursework. These technical credits will be placed on the student's transcript as MLS 368: Technical Transfer credit consistent with the MLS Upward Mobility Program. Transferable prerequisite and general education credits meeting South Dakota Board of Regents (SDBOR) and SDSU transfer requirements may be earned at Western Dakota Technical College and are in addition to the MLT technical credits.

No more than a total of 60 credits may be transferred from Western Dakota Technical College 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 Medical Laboratory Science degree.

B. Requirements completed in the Medical Laboratory Science Upward Mobility curriculum 40 credits

1. MLS312: MLT to MLS Transitional Experience (3 credits)
2. MLS 401: Hematology II/Hemostasis (3 credits)
3. MLS 431: Principles of Immunohematology (2 credits)

4. MLS 403: Diagnostic Immunology (3 credits)
5. MLS 341: Diagnostic Microbiology I (3 credits)
6. MLS 461: Introduction to Management and Education (3 credits)
7. MLS 411: Clinical Chemistry II (3 credits)
8. MLS 441: Diagnostic Microbiology II (3 credits)
9. MLS 451: Immunohematology II (2 credits)
10. MLS 468: Advanced Supervised Clinical Experience I (5 credits)
11. MLS 471: Advanced Medical Diagnostics (2 credits)
12. MLS 469: Advanced Supervised Clinical Experience II (5 credits)
13. MLS 483: Senior Capstone Clinical Experience (3 credits)

C. General Education Requirements (SGRs) 33 credits

Transferrable general education requirements in the Medical Laboratory Science Upward Mobility Program curriculum are *italicized* and listed next to the SDSU requirement in the table below. Additional (not required for the Upward Mobility program) transferrable general education credits could be transferred if the courses meet SDBOR and SDSU guidelines.

SDSU General Education Requirements		13 Required Coursework		
SGR Goal	SDSU Course(s)	Cr	WDTC Course	Cr
SGR Goal #1 Written Communication	ENGL101	3	ENGL 101	3
SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication	CMST101	3		
SGR Goal #3 Social Sciences	PSYC 101 SOC 100	3 3	PSYC 101 SOC 100	3 3
SGR Goal #4 Arts and Humanities				
SGR Goal #5 Mathematics	MATH 114	3		
SGR Goal #6 Natural Sciences	CHEM 106 CHEM 106L	4	CHEM 106 CHEM 106L	4

D. General Education and Supporting Requirements to be completed at SDSU: 31 credits.

1. STAT 281: Statistics (3 credits)
2. CHEM 108/CHEM 108L (5 credits)
3. SGR #1 Written Communication (3 credits)
4. SGR #2 Oral Communication (3 credits)
5. SGR #4 Arts and Humanities (6 credits)
6. MATH 114: College Algebra (3 credits)
7. Human Anatomy (4 credits)
8. Physiology (4 credits)

E. Electives: As needed to reach 120 credits total

F. TOTAL CREDITS:

General education and supporting courses: 44
 Upward Mobility MLS Program major requirements: 40
 Block transfer of credit from Western Dakota Technical College: 41
 Electives: 0

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 WDTC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
2. Course grades of “C” and above meet the College of Pharmacy & Allied Health requirements.
3. Credit for technical course transfer requires that the student has completed MLT (AS/AAS) degree.
4. Student must be admitted to South Dakota State University
5. 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 Western Dakota Technical College. 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

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VII. Acceptance of Agreement

For South Dakota State University

_____ Date: _____
Dean of College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions

_____ Date: _____
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

For Western Dakota Technical College

_____ Date: _____
President

_____ Date: _____
Vice President for Teaching and Learning