

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – I
DATE: June 26-27, 2024

SUBJECT

Articulation Agreements – SDSU & BHSU

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, SDSU & BHSU request approval for the following articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences from BHSU may apply up to 52 credits toward the BSN in Nursing program at SDSU.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – SDSU & BHSU Articulation Agreement

DRAFT MOTION 20240626_6-I:

I move to approve South Dakota State University to finalize and execute the articulation agreement between SDSU and Black Hills State University in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I.

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY (BHSU)
and
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSU)

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
Associate of Science (AS) Degree Program at BHSU
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 Black Hills State University (BHSU).

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 BHSU students an opportunity to complete both the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences and the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN) in a seamless process;
- E. encourage students to graduate from both the AS (BHSU) and BSN (SDSU) program and work collaboratively on marketing and admissions guidance.

III. Academic Program

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

BSN major requirements	62
General Education Requirements	32
<u>Pre-Nursing Course Requirements</u>	<u>26</u>
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) must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at BHSU if equivalent courses are available and if delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. 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 BHSU while the student completes the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences if desired.

General Education Course Requirements

SDSU General Education Requirement			BHSU Equivalent	Credit Hours
SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills	ENGL 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101	3
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3	ENGL 201	3
SGR 2 Oral Communication	Approved SGR #2 course from CMST 101, 215, or 222	3	Approved SGR #2 course from CMST 101, 215, or 222	3
SGR 3 Social Sciences	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 101	3
	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 150 Social Problems	3	SOC 100 OR SOC 150	3
SGR 4 Humanities & Fine Arts	Approved SGR #4 courses	6	Approved SGR #4 courses	6
SGR 5 Mathematics	Approved SGR 5 mathematics course	3	MATH 103 or higher	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	BIOL 231/231L AND CHEM 106/106L OR CHEM 112/112L	8
Total General Education Credits		32		32

- C. The Pre-Nursing Course Requirements for the Major must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at BHSU if equivalent courses are available and if delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. Additional foundational coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. The foundational course requirements for the BSN program may be completed at BHSU while the student completes the AS degree in Applied Health Sciences.

Pre-Nursing Course Requirements for Major

SDSU Foundational Course Requirements for Major		BHSU Equivalent**	
BIOL 221/221L Human Anatomy and Lab	4	BIOL 121 BIOL 121L	3 1
BIOL 325/325L Physiology and Lab	4	BIOL 123 BIOL 123L	3 1
MICR 231/231L General Microbiology and Lab	4	BIOL 231 BIOL 231L	3 1
NURS 119 First Year Seminar	2	GS 100 OR NURS 119	1 2
NUTR 315 Human Nutrition	3	HLTH 315 OR HLTH 422 as taught by BHSU	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 101	3
NURS 201 Medical Terminology (<i>Elective</i>)	1	BIOL 286	3
Total Pre-Nursing Credits	20-21	Total BHSU Credits	19-20

**BHSU equivalent courses included in the AS in Applied Health Sciences Degree; additional elective credits may be transferred if they meet Regental System General Education transfer requirements.

IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing AS degree in Applied Health Sciences at BHSU and transferring to SDSU to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN))

- A. A selection of SDSU Nursing major courses, including NURS 234, NURS 235, NURS 258, NURS 258L, NURS 272 and NURS 323, may be used as electives in the AS in Applied Health Sciences at BHSU.
- B. Students may elect to participate in dual advising from BHSU and SDSU while completing the BHSU AS in Applied Health Sciences program in preparation for the SDSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- C. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AS in Applied Health Sciences at BHSU, they will graduate with an AS in Applied Health Sciences. 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 BSN program (this agreement will be reviewed as needed, at minimum every seven years, to ensure capacity is available). If students are accepted and transfer to the SDSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program prior to completing the BHSU AS in Applied Health Sciences degree, SDSU will advise students to complete their BHSU AS in Applied Health Sciences requirements and apply for graduation from BHSU while completing the SDSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- D. At the time of acceptance into the SDSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, SDSU will accept all courses from the AS in Applied Health Sciences degree as listed in this agreement. Transferable general education coursework and other pre-nursing requirements will be accepted.

- E. 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.
- F. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies, as well as university graduation requirements of the institution granting the degree.

V. Scholarships

To provide financial support for students transferring from BHSU's Applied Health Sciences associate degree to SDSU's Bachelor of Science in nursing degree, BHSU and SDSU shall honor merit-based scholarships, specifically the BHSU Scholarships of Distinction and SDSU Jackrabbit Guarantee, for first-time students as they transfer between institutions. First-time Applied Health Sciences students in good standing, who have met all applicable criteria for maintaining their scholarship at BHSU and have not exceeded the eligible semester count, will have their merit-based scholarship honored at an equivalent or higher amount upon transfer to SDSU's Bachelor of Science in nursing degree at the Rapid City site. After transfer, students must meet all applicable SDSU requirements for maintaining the scholarship. SDSU will honor the scholarship for the duration of the student's four-year scholarship commitment assuming all SDSU continuing eligibility requirements are met. This scholarship partnership will go into effect for students transferring from BHSU's Applied Health Sciences associate degree to SDSU's Bachelor of Science in nursing degree at the Rapid City site starting with the fall 2023 semester.

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.

VIII. 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 per South Dakota Board of Regents policy 2:27. This agreement may be reviewed as needed at the prompting of either part.

IX. Effective Date of Agreement:

This agreement will take full effect upon approval from all parties and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

For Black Hills State University:

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Dean of College of Business and Natural Sciences
Black Hills State University

_____ Date: _____
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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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