

**PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

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

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

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**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
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>

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

<b>SDSU Foundational Course Requirements for Major</b>		<b>SDSMT Equivalent or Substitution</b>	
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
<b>Total Pre-Nursing Credits</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Total SDSMT Credits</b>	<b>28</b>

\* 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. A cumulative GPA of 2.700 or higher and
  - b. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, a priority deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> and final deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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:

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*Jim Stone*

Date: 12/18/2024

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Signed by:

*Brian Tande*

Date: 12/19/2024

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Date: 12/20/2024

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