

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)

and

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE (STC)

Agreement with Respect to Applying the

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

CARDIOVASCULAR SONOGRAPHY (Formerly known as Cardiac

Sonography, Cardiac Ultrasound Technology, Vascular

Sonography, and Vascular Ultrasound Technology)

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP (Terminated July 2024)

NEURODIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY (Terminated July 2021 and formerly known as

Electroneurodiagnostic Technology)

INVASIVE CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGY (Formerly known as Invasive Cardiac

Technology)

MEDICAL CODING

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY (Terminated July 2019)

PARAMEDIC SCIENCE

RESPIRATORY THERAPY and

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Programs at STC

Towards the

HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Southeast Technical College (STC).

II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed articulation agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and the 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 STC students who have completed an AAS degree in Behavioral and Mental Health Technician, Cardiovascular Sonography (formerly known as Cardiac Sonography, Cardiac Ultrasound Technology, Vascular Sonography,

and Vascular Ultrasound Technology), Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Healthcare Leadership (Terminated July 2024), Neurodiagnostic Technology (Terminated July 2021 and formerly known as Electroneurodiagnostic Technology), Invasive Cardiovascular Technology (Formerly known as Invasive Cardiac Technology), Medical Coding, Nuclear Medicine Technology (Terminated July 2019), Paramedic Science, Respiratory Therapy and Surgical Technology an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree.

- E. encourage students to graduate from both the AAS (STC) listed programs and the Bachelor of Science with a major in Health Sciences (USD) program, and work collaboratively on marketing and admissions guidance.

III. Academic Program

Graduation Requirements for the BS in Health Sciences at USD

Health Science Major Requirements:	44
General Education Credits:	24
<u>Transfer up to 52 block credits from STC AAS Degree:</u>	<u>52</u>
Total credits required:	120

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the B.S. in Health Sciences are listed on the catalog website: [USD Catalog](#). Select the USD start year catalog, then click *Academic Programs* from the menu on the left and find the Health Sciences (B.S.)degree under *majors*.
- B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be completed at STC if courses are delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. General education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If students have additional coursework that meets the Health Science degree requirements, a total of 90 transfer credits may be allowed.

General Education Course Requirements

USD General Education Requirements		Credit Hours	STC Coursework (Must meet SD Regental System Requirements)	Credit Hours
SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills (6 credits required)	English 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101 Composition I	3
	Approved SGR 1 Course	3		3
SGR 2 Oral Communication (3 credits required)	Approved SGR 2 Course	3	CMST 101 Foundations of Communication	3

USD General Education Requirements		Credit Hours	STC Coursework (Must meet SD Regental System Requirements)	Credit Hours
SGR 3 Social Sciences (6 credits required; two disciplines; one course must fulfill the civics requirement)*	Approved SGR 3 Course; Discipline 1	3	PSYC 101 General Psychology OR SOC 150 Social Problems OR SOC 250 Marriage and Family	3
	Approved SGR 3 Course Discipline 2 (Civics)	3		3
SGR 4 Humanities & Fine Arts (6 credits required; 3 Humanities & 3 Fine Arts)	Approved Humanities Course	3		3
	Approved Fine Arts Course	3		
SGR 5 Mathematics (3 credits required)	Approved SGR 5 Course	3	MATH 103 - Math Reasoning OR MATH 114 College Algebra	3
SGR 6 Natural Sciences (6 credits required)	HSC 280/L Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology AND Approved SGR 6 Course OR PHGY 220/L Human Anatomy/Physiology I** PHGY 230/L Human Anatomy/Physiology I	8***	HC 118/118L Applied Anatomy & Physiology with Lab & CHEM 106/L Chemistry Survey with Lab	8
Total General Education Credits				
+This is not a comprehensive list of the general education courses that transfer to USD from STC. The courses listed are common to the AAS degrees listed above at STC.				
B.S. in Health Sciences Coursework				
Health Science Major Course		Credit Hours		Credit Hours
HSC 110 Interprofessional Health Team		3	HC 103 Interprofessional Health Care	3
HSC 250 Healthcare Terminology in Clinical Setting		3	HC 117 Medical Language (must be 3 credits)	3
HSC 280/L Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology		5	HC 118/118L Applied Anatomy & Physiology with Lab	8
HSC 281 Human Disease				

* Students enrolled in the 2025-2026 catalog and subsequent catalogs must fulfill the social science civics requirement.

**USD PHGY 220/L requires Chem 106/L or higher as a prerequisite; Chem 106 or higher requires appropriate level math.

***Science credits already counted in total for the major.

The BS in Health Sciences requires an anatomy and physiology sequence: either PHGY 220/230 OR HSC 280/281.

IV. Pathway One: Reverse Articulation (completing years one and two at USD, years three and four at STC, and transferring STC credits back to USD for completion of the degree).

- A. Students will complete the required B.S. in Health Sciences courses through the University of South Dakota during the first two years of their education. During the third year of their education and upon acceptance into the program at STC, students will enter one of the Associate of Applied Science programs listed above and complete the AAS requirements at the end of the fourth year. Students are not guaranteed admission into AAS programs at STC.
- B. Upon successful completion of the AAS degree requirements, the student will transfer back to USD and apply for graduation. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 52 technical course credits in transfer. In addition to the technical AAS degree course block credits, general education coursework that is equivalent to Regental courses will be transferable and accepted by USD.
- C. USD will waive the graduation requirement that 15 of the last 30 credits for the baccalaureate degree must be earned as institutional credit. Students must complete at least 30 credits at USD.
- D. Students must meet all other Board of Regents and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.
- E. To return to USD, students must submit a new application through the USD admissions office. Students may waive the admission fee with proper notice.
- F. Upon completion of the Technical Program and conferral of the AAS degree, students must notify the Department of Public Health and Health Sciences to complete the block credit transfer form.
- G. Upon re-acceptance to USD, students must set up their USD accounts and submit a Degree Audit/Application for Graduation form to the Registrar's Office, marking the *Joint Program* box to indicate they are completing an *Articulation* program.
- H. To participate in spring commencement, students must reapply to USD through the admissions office, be fully accepted, and complete a degree audit and graduation application form through the registrar's office. Students must submit the following documents to the Health Sciences program director: a completed Walk-Early form, degree audit results, a transcript from the technical program, and a confirmation letter from the technical school program director.

V. Pathway Two: Forward Articulation (completing the AAS degree at STC and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences)

- A. Upon successful completion of the AAS degree requirements, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Health Sciences. At that time, USD will accept a block of up to 52 technical course credits from the AAS degree. Students must successfully complete one of the listed AAS degrees from STC to earn the technical course block credits. Transferable general education coursework in addition to up to 52 technical course block credits will be accepted.

- B. Students will complete the requirements for the B.S. in Health Sciences and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied. Students who have earned a health care associate's degree and are in the Health Career Advancement pathway may choose one health or human services 3-credit-hour elective in place of HSC 110.
- C. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

VI. Additional requirements

Students transferring coursework from STC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

VII. Obligations

Both parties agree to confer annually on changes to the curricula covered by this articulation agreement.

VIII. Modification

This agreement may be modified periodically by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Southeast Technical College upon agreement by both parties.

IX. 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.

X. Effective Date of Agreement:

The agreement applies to students who graduated from STC in 2000 or later. This agreement was updated in 2026 and is in effect upon the approval of all parties.

For the University of South Dakota

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