

## PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)  
and  
LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (LATI)

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**NURSING (RN)**  
Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program at LATI  
Towards the  
**NURSING (RN-BSN)**  
Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD

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### I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI).

### 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 LATI students who have completed the AAS degree in Nursing an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (RN-BSN).

### III. Academic Program

#### Graduation Requirements for the BS in Health Sciences at USD

RN-BSN major requirements	40
General Education Credits:	32
<u>Block transfer credits from LATI Nursing (RN):</u>	<u>48</u>
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the major in Nursing (RN-BSN) are reflected in the catalog website: <http://www.usd.edu/RNBSNarticulation>

- 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 LATI if equivalent courses are available and if delivered under the current General Education agreement with the Board of Regents. Required general education coursework required for the AAS in Nursing are identified in the chart below. Additional general education coursework may be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If all required General Education credits are completed at LATI while successfully completing the AAS in Nursing program a total of 81 credit hours may transfer. If students have additional equivalent coursework that meets Nursing (RN-BSN) requirements, a total of 90 transfer credits may be allowed.

#### General Education Course Requirements

USD General Education Requirement			LATI Equivalent	Credit Hours
SGR 1 Written Communication and Literacy Skills	ENGL 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101	3*
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3		
SGR 2 Oral Communication	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	SPCM 101	3*
SGR 3 Social Sciences	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 101	3*
	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	3*
SGR 4 Humanities & Fine Arts	Humanities and Fine Arts	6	ENGL 210 OR Humanities/Fine Arts	3*
SGR 5 Mathematics	Approved SGR 5 mathematics course	3	MATH 102 or higher	3*
SGR 6 Natural Sciences	PHGY 220 Human Anatomy/Physiology I PHGY 230 Human Anatomy/Physiology I	8	ANAT 142 with lab ( 3 credit hours) PHGY 210 with lab (4 credit hours)	7*
Total General Education Credits		32		25* <sup>1</sup>

\*Included in the AAS in Nursing curriculum at LATI. In addition, students will transfer in 8 credits for MICR 231 and CHEM 106 for a total of 33 credits.

<sup>1</sup>Additional general education credits may be transferred if they meet Regental System General Education transfer requirements up to a total of 90 credit hours.

#### IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing the AAS in Nursing at LATI and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN))

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS in Nursing at LATI, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Nursing (RN-BSN). At that time, USD will accept a block of 48 technical course credits from the AAS degree in Nursing. Students

must successfully complete the AAS degree in Nursing from LATI prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted. Transferable general education coursework in addition to the 48 technical course block credits will also be accepted.

- a. General education credits from LATI AAS curriculum: 33
  - b. Total block credits: 48
  - c. Total USD RN-BSN Credits: 39
  - d. Total Credits Required for RN-BSN: 120
- B. Students will complete the requirements for the Nursing (RN-BSN) major and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
  - C. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

**V. Additional requirements**

- A. Students transferring coursework from LATI must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

**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 and Lake Area Technical Institute.

**VIII. Incorporation of terms in master agreement.**

The parties have entered into the present agreement pursuant to the agreement of December 14, 2004 between the Watertown Board of Education on behalf of Lake Area Technical Institute and the South Dakota Board of Regents on behalf of Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, South Dakota State University and The University of South Dakota. This agreement shall be subject to all terms and conditions stated in the December 14, 2004 agreement.

**IX. Termination**

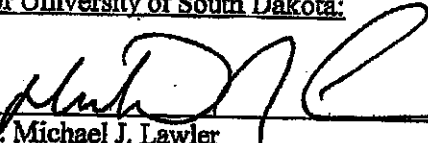
This agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.

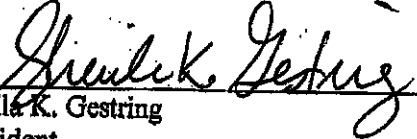
This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by the University of South Dakota. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the University of South Dakota nor does it give rise to a claim against the University of South Dakota.

**X. Effective Date of Agreement:**


This agreement applies to students who graduated from LATI after fall 2018 or later with an AAS in Nursing degree.

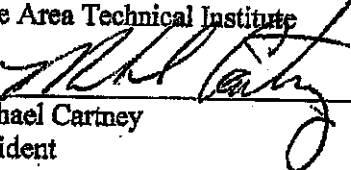
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