

**3+3 ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

INTRODUCTION

Created upon a mutual regard for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students preparing to pursue a career in chiropractic, South Dakota State University (SDSU) a public institution of higher education under the control and management of the South Dakota Board of Regents, and Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWSU) enter into an agreement for an articulated program. This agreement will define preparatory course work to be completed at SDSU for students intending to matriculate into NWSU; this agreement will articulate the special terms for admission into NWSU to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic, and the distinctive criteria for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree to participating students from South Dakota State University.

OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions and thereby provide *South Dakota State University* students with an opportunity to earn degrees from both institutions.
2. It is agreed and understood that each institution has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated to the other institution as they occur through the office of each institution responsible for implementing this dual degree program.
3. At the request of either institution a meeting or conference will be held to resolve any problems, monitor the progress, and develop any improvements in this dual degree program.
4. Neither institution will discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, Vietnam-era veteran status, parental status, pregnancy, or any other status protected by law in the selection and participation of students in the dual degree program. With respect to a disability, a qualified student with a disability is an individual who (with or without reasonable accommodations-academic adjustments) meets the legitimate standards and criteria that are rationally related to the stated goals or purposes of each institution's educational program.
5. South Dakota State University and NWSU sharing of confidential student

information shall be handled in conformity with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC Sec. 1232g and implementing regulations Title 34, Part 99 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The parties certify that they will only use such information for their duties and responsibilities under this agreement. The parties agree they will maintain the information and not re-disclose except in accordance with FERPA or other state or federal law. The parties will notify the other of any security breaches and take immediate steps to remedy the breach.

6. Beginning with the first semester of the 2013-2014 *South Dakota State University* academic year, a dual degree program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree from *South Dakota State University* and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from NWHSU will be available to qualified students. This dual degree program will require approximately three years of attendance at *South Dakota State University* followed by a minimum of three and one half years at NWHSU. The chiropractic program is arranged so a student may choose to complete the curriculum in three and one third consecutive years.
7. Students who express an interest in the dual degree program must receive *South Dakota State University* credit for 90 semester hours in courses which meet the prerequisite requirements for the Doctor of Chiropractic degree at NWHSU and also meet all the requirements for *South Dakota State University* Bachelor of Science degree with the exception of courses and credits to be transferred from NWHSU to *South Dakota State University*.
8. *South Dakota State University* students will be accepted for admission to NWHSU under this dual degree program upon:
 1. Meeting the prerequisite requirements for admission to NWHSU as described in item #6 above.
 2. Attaining a minimum 3.0 grade point average in *South Dakota State University* coursework. Students with a 2.75 grade point average may be considered for a custom track admissions option.
 3. Receiving a positive recommendation of the Pre-Health Professions Director of the Department of Biology or Department Head of Health and Nutritional Sciences at *South Dakota State University*.
 4. Timely submission of all application materials to NWHSU.
9. Upon successful completion of the first year of studies at NWHSU, a maximum of 30 NWHSU credit hours may be transferred toward completion of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Pre-Professional Specialization or Bachelor of Science in Health Education at *South Dakota State University*. An official transcript must be sent from NWHSU to a designated official with the *South Dakota State University* Admissions Office, and the student must request application materials for graduation from the *South Dakota State University* Registrar's Office.
10. Students who successfully complete the dual degree program will be eligible

to participate in commencement ceremonies at both NWSU and *South Dakota State University*. Recruitment of students for this program will be the responsibility of *South Dakota State University* with the cooperation of NWSU.

11. Under the terms of this Agreement, neither institution is obligated to *make any payments of any kind* to the other institution.
12. This Agreement will, in no way, be interpreted as creating an agency or employment relationship between the institutions, or as giving rise to a joint venture or partnership between the institutions, or as giving rise to a joint venture or partnership between the institutions.
13. This Agreement is intended to solely benefit the institutions, and it not intended to create rights in any third party. Students participating in the program, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, will not be considered third party beneficiaries of the Agreement.
14. This Agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other institution at the address hereinafter set forth. If the Agreement is terminated, *South Dakota State University* students who have earned more than 62 credits applicable to the dual degree program and students already enrolled in NWSU's Doctor of Chiropractic program will be allowed to complete their programs.

MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM

South Dakota State University and Northwestern Health Sciences University both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this joint degree program through advisement and dissemination of information. The appropriate advisor at SDSU will make every effort to maintain a list of students actively pursuing the program with the intent to enroll at NWSU and will periodically inform the Admissions Office at NWSU of the current list. Care will be taken to make students aware that some state boards of chiropractic require completed baccalaureate degrees PRIOR TO CHIROPRACTIC STUDY, and to advise students planning to practice in those states accordingly.

Both Institutions agree to promote the "3+3" program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's admission office.

STUDENT ADVISEMENT


An appropriate faculty/advisor member at SDSU shall be assigned and responsible to advise students regarding their academic preparation for admission to Northwestern Health Sciences University and for their ultimate goal of chiropractic licensure. This advisement shall include attention to special requirements for licensure in some states, such as completion of the baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation in a chiropractic college.

CONTINUATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be in force until either institution makes a decision in writing to terminate it. It is agreed that if terminated, that both institutions will honor the terms of agreement until all students already admitted are given the opportunity to complete the program in a timely manner.

APPROVALS

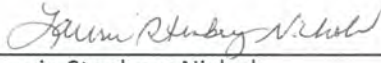
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