

**Articulation Agreement
Between
South Dakota State University
And
School of EMS
Agreement with Respect to Applying the Paramedic Program
Towards the
Associate of Arts in General Studies Degree at SDSU**

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are the School of EMS, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota

II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- a. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region.
- b. provide students who complete the School of EMS Paramedic Program an opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies.
- c. have a signed agreement that addresses the needs of student in the Paramedic Program to complete an associate's degree.

III. Academic Program – A.A. in General Studies

a. Requirements to be completed to earn the A.A. in General Studies are the following:

- i. ENGL 101, Composition I, 3 credits
- ii. ENGL 201, Composition II, 3 credits
- iii. SPCM 101, Fundamentals of Speech, 3 credits
- iv. MATH 102, College Algebra, 3 credits
- v. Natural Sciences, 3-6 credits*
- vi. Social Sciences, 3-6 credits*
- vii. Humanities/Arts, 3-6 credits*

*Three additional credits selected from approved list of

- courses for Goals #3, #4, or #6 to reach 24 System General Education credits
- viii. 0-6 elective credits to reach a total of 30 credits from outside of the EMS curriculum.
- b. Pathway One: Reverse Articulation (complete the 30 credits from SDSU and then complete the Paramedic Program at the School of EMS. Transfer the program credits back to SDSU for completion of degree.
- i. Student must meet admission requirements for AA degree.
 - ii. Student will complete the required AA in General Studies degree courses through SDSU. Then, students will enter the Paramedic Program at the School of EMS.
 - iii. Upon successful completion of the Paramedic Program, the student will transfer back to SDSU and submit the graduation application. At that time, SDSU will accept a block of 30 technical credits in transfer.
 - iv. SDSU will waive the graduation requirement that 8 of the last 16 credits for the Associate's degree be earned as institutional credit.
 - v. Students must meet all other SD Board of Regents and university requirements in order to receive the degree.
 1. Students must meet the placement requirements in math, English and reading before enrolling in math and English courses. Placement in these courses is determined by ACT or ACCUPLACER.
- c. Pathway Two: Forward Articulation (complete the Paramedic Program at the School of EMS and transfer to SDSU to complete the AA in General Studies).
- i. Students must meet admissions requirements for the AA degree.
 - ii. Upon successful completion of the requirements for the Paramedic Program, students may transfer to SDSU to complete the AA in General Studies. At that time, SDSU will

accept a block of 30 technical credits from the Paramedic Program. Students must successfully complete the Paramedic Program at the School of EMS prior to transferring to SDSU for the technical credits to be accepted.

- iii. Students will complete requirements for the AA in General Studies and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- iv. Students must meet all SD Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive the degree.
 1. Students must meet the placement requirements for math, English and reading before enrolling in math and English courses. Placement in these courses is determined by ACT or ACCUPLACER scores.

Total number of credits from School of EMS: 30

Total number of credits from SDSU: 30

Total credits required: 60

IV. Obligations

Both parties agree to confer with each other regarding changes in curricula involved in this articulation agreement as needed.

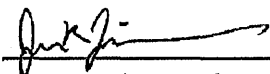
V. Modification

This agreement may be modified from time to time by South Dakota State University and the School of EMS with approval by the South Dakota Board of Regents and the School of EMS. Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of the agreement, except in the rare instances in which retroactive implementation of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to confirm to professional licensure requirements.

VI. **Effective Date of Agreement: Start date of Fall 2018 at SDSU and the School of EMS.**

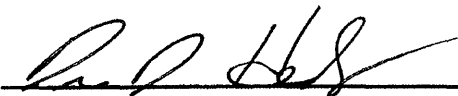
VII. **Acceptance of Agreement:**

For SDSU:



Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

8/2/17
Date



Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

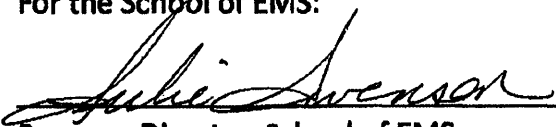
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Executive Director, SD Board of Regents

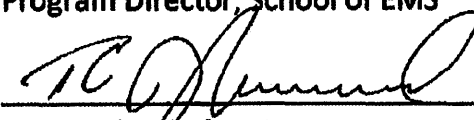
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For the School of EMS:



Program Director, School of EMS

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Dean, School of EMS

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