

# PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between  
RIDGEWATER COLLEGE  
and  
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**Associate Degree in Nursing Program**  
Towards the  
**Bachelor of Science, Major in Nursing**  
**RN to BSN Option**

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## I. Parties

Parties to this agreement are Ridgewater College (RC) and South Dakota State University (SDSU)

## 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 institution's 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 RC graduates of the Associate Degree in Registered Nursing (RN) an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN).

## III. Academic Program

- A. Upon successful completion of the major requirements specified in III, SDSU will accept a block of 46 nursing technical course credits from the A.D. degree. These nursing technical credits will be placed on the student's transcript as ATIP 292 AAS PROG IN REGISTERED NURSE. Additionally, a block of 11 prerequisite credits will be awarded for RC technical coursework related to anatomy and physiology and PSYC 101: General Psychology for a total of 57 block credits.

General education coursework for the A.D. in Nursing at RC is specified below. Additional transferrable general education coursework may be transferred if the SD Board of Regents System (SDBOR) and SDSU General Education transfer requirements are met.

No more than a total of 90 credits may be transferred from RC to SDSU. At least 30 credits must be completed at SDSU. Students must meet all SDBOR and SDSU policies and graduation requirements to earn the BSN degree.

### B. General Education Requirements (SGRs) 20 credits

Transferrable general education requirements required in the RC nursing curriculum are *italicized* and listed next to the SDSU requirement in the table below. Additional transferrable general education credits could be transferred if the courses meet SDBOR and SDSU guidelines.

SDSU General Education Requirements			RC Required Coursework	
SGR Goal	SDSU Course	Cr	RC Course	Cr
SGR Goal #1 Written Communication	ENGL 101 Composition I	3	<i>ENGL 1210 Composition I</i>	3
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3	<i>ENGL 1220 Composition II</i>	3
SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3		
SGR Goal #3 Social Sciences	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3		
	HDFS 210 Lifespan Development	3	<i>PSYC 2630 Developmental Psychology</i>	3
SGR Goal #4 Arts and Humanities	Choose 2 courses with different prefixes from approved list in SDSU catalog	6	<i>PHIL 1020 Introduction to Ethics</i>	3
SGR Goal #5 Mathematics	MATH 103 or higher	3		
SGR Goal #6 Natural Sciences	CHEM 106/106L Chemistry Survey and Lab	4	<i>CHEM 1010 Survey of Chemistry</i>	4
	MICR 231/231L Microbiology and Lab	4	<i>BIOL 2150 Microbiology</i>	4

**C. General Education and Supporting Requirements to be completed at SDSU or as equivalent courses elsewhere: 12 credits**

1. SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication (3 cr)
2. SGR #3 Social Sciences (3 cr)
3. SGR #4 Humanities and Arts/Diversity (3 cr)
4. SGR #5 Mathematics (3 cr)

**D. Major Requirements 24 credits**

1. NURS 300: Transition to BSN (3 cr)
2. NURS 461: Vulnerable Populations: Nursing Perspectives (3 cr)
3. NURS 462: Population Health: Nursing Perspectives (3 cr)
4. NURS 463: Health Policy & Economics (3 cr)
5. NURS 464: Genetics & Genomics in Nursing (3 cr)
6. NURS 465: Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice (3 cr)
7. NURS 466: Healthcare Systems & Informatics (3 cr)
8. NURS 469: Nursing Leadership Capstone (3 cr)

**E. Electives: credits or as needed to reach 120 credits total.**

**TOTAL RC CREDITS: 77**

Nursing technical course block credits: 46  
Prerequisite technical block credits: 11  
Transferrable general education credits: 20

**TOTAL SDSU CREDITS: 43**

General education and supporting courses: 12

Nursing major requirements: 24

Electives: 7

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 120**

If students have additional credits that meet SDSU and SDBOR guidelines for transfer, additional credits may transfer to SDSU up to 90 credits total. At least 30 credits must be completed at SDSU.

**Additional Requirements:**

1. Students transferring from RC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
2. Course grades of "C" and above meet the College of Nursing requirements.
3. Credit for technical course transfer requires that the student has completed A.D. Nursing (RN) degree.
4. Student must pass national nursing licensure exam (NCLEX) before RN to B.S.N. admission.
5. Student must be admitted to South Dakota State University.
6. Student must complete all pre-requisite requirements.
7. Student must be admitted to professional RN to B.S.N. option.
8. Student must have unencumbered license in state of practice.

**IV. Obligations**

Both parties agree to confer with each other on an annual basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this Articulation Agreement.

**V. Modifications**

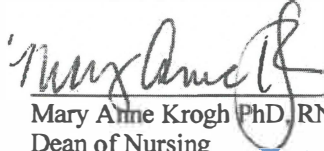
This agreement may be modified from time to time by SDSU and RC. Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of this agreement, except in rare instances in which retroactive implementations of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to conform to professional licensure requirements.

**IV. Effective Date of Agreement**


This agreement shall be in effect upon approval by all parties.

**VII. Acceptance of Agreement**

**For South Dakota State University**


  
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Mary Anne Krogh PhD, RN  
Dean of Nursing

Date: 12/19/22

  
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Dennis Hedge  
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 12-19-22

**For Ridgewater College**

  
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Mary Leyk MSN, RN, NPD-BC  
Dean of Nursing and Allied Health

November 9, 2022

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