

Proactive Admissions Initiative

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What is it?

The proactive admissions initiative offers students who meet certain criteria guaranteed general acceptance to any of the state's six public universities and four technical colleges.

Who is it for?

The initiative is for South Dakota public school seniors who meet the eligibility criteria.

What are the eligibility criteria?

Students have two ways they can demonstrate eligibility for guaranteed general acceptance:

- Achieve a Level 3 or 4 on the 11th grade South Dakota state assessment (English *and* math) OR
- ACT composite score of 18 or higher
 - NOTE: SD School of Mines requires an ACT score of 18 in English and 20 in math

What are the participating institutions?

The participating institutions include all of the state's public universities and technical colleges:

- Black Hills State University
- Dakota State University
- Lake Area Technical College
- Mitchell Technical College
- Northern State University
- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- South Dakota State University
- Southeast Technical College
- University of South Dakota
- Western Dakota Technical College

Why is this initiative important?

The purpose of the initiative is to provide more graduating seniors with access to a postsecondary certificate or degree. Connecting students with an in-state institution may help to keep them in South Dakota for postsecondary education and training, and ultimately, as contributing members of the workforce and their local communities.

What else do students need to know?

The initiative offers guaranteed **general acceptance** into the state's public universities and technical colleges. Certain programs of study may have additional requirements. Students should contact the school(s) of their choice to find out more about programs of interest. Students eligible for guaranteed general acceptance must still complete an application for admission, pay the admission fee and submit their official high school transcript to the school(s) of their choice by Dec. 1 of their senior year.



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College Access Campaign: During College Application Week, **October 18 – November 30**, you can submit applications to any participating South Dakota university or technical college at no cost. (This year, we've extended the week to nearly six weeks!) Further details and a list of participating institutions can be found at <https://selectdakota.org>.

Can a student be proactively admitted, even though he/she needs remediation?

It is possible that a student may be eligible for proactive admission, as well as the Department of Education's [College Readiness Coursework](#), which is designed to assist students who need extra support to enter into credit-bearing courses at the postsecondary level. This situation may arise, based on a student's various test sub-scores. In such instances, school counselors and parents should visit with students about the available options to ensure that students are fully prepared for the next step after high school.

How will students be notified of eligibility?

In the fall, qualifying high school seniors will receive a letter from the Secretary of Education notifying them of their eligibility for proactive admission. Also in the fall, schools will be able to access a report in SD-STARS identifying their eligible students and can reinforce the message with these young people.

Where can I get more information?

Visit SDMyLife.com for more information and links to participating institutions.

See next page for information on additional program admission requirements



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Institution	Programs Admission Requirements	Limited Capacity Programs	Point of Contact
Lake Area Technical College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caterpillar ThinkBig Law Enforcement Nursing Occupational Therapy Assistant Physical Therapy Assistant 	<p>All of LATC's programs have an enrollment cap. Programs that fill quickly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational Therapy Assistant Diesel Technology Nursing Physical Therapy Assistant 	<p>Eric Schultz, Director of Enrollment eric.schultz@lakeareatech.edu, 605-882-5284 ext. 228)</p>
Mitchell Technical College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radiologic Technology Licensed Practical Nursing Medical Laboratory Technology Radiation Therapy Registered Nursing 	<p>All of MTC's programs have an enrollment cap. Programs that fill quickly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Powerline Construction and Maintenance Licensed Practical Nursing Registered Nursing Radiologic Technology Electrical Construction and Maintenance 	<p>Jenna Reis, Director of Admissions jenna.reis@mitchelltech.edu, 605-995-7342)</p> <p>Hillary Vining, Enrollment Services Manager Hillary.vining@mitchelltech.edu, 605-995-7114)</p>
Southeast Technical College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurse (RN) Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Surgical Technology Cardiac Sonography Diagnostic Medical Sonography Vascular Sonography Invasive Cardiovascular Technology Paramedic Science Dental Assisting Veterinary Technician 	<p>All of Southeast Tech's programs have an enrollment cap. Programs that fill quickly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrician Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Registered Nurse (RN) Surgical Technology Dental Assisting Medical Assistant Veterinary Technician 	<p>Mandy Frey, Director of Admissions mandy.frey@southeasttech.edu, 605-367-6040)</p>
Western Dakota Technical College	<p>Please contact Western Dakota Tech's Admissions Office for details on additional requirements for the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Laboratory Technician Pharmacy Technician Practical Nursing Registered Nursing Surgical Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive Technology Dental Assisting Diesel Technology Medical Laboratory Technician Practical Nursing Precision Machining Registered Nursing Surgical Technology 	<p>Nora Leinen, Assistant Director of Enrollment and Offsite Services, Nora.Leinen@wdt.edu or 605-718-2541</p> <p>WDT Admissions Office: Admissions@wdt.edu or 605-718-2565</p>
South Dakota Board of Regents	<p>Since first-time, first-year students start with general education, rather than in their program/major, there are not additional requirements for a student's first year. Programs of</p>	<p>BHSU: Beth Oaks (beth.oaks@bhsu.edu, 605-642-6343) DSU: Amy Crissinger (amy.crissinger@dsu.edu, 605-256-5696) NSU: Laura Mont (admissions@northern.edu, 605-626-2544)</p>	



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(public universities)	study that have separate applications typically have students apply in their sophomore year, and their academic advisor would help them through that process.	SDSM&T: Molly Moore (molly.moore@sdsmt.edu , 605-394-5236) SDSU: Christine Knapp (Christine.knapp@sdstate.edu , 605-688-4472) USD: Nick Cerny (nick.cerny@usd.edu , 605-658-6224)
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