

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
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Southeast Technical College

Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness met on 4/28/2022 to consider the merits of the additional location or branch campus application.

After review, the Committee makes the following action recommendation to the Board of Technical Education:

- Approval
- Disapproval
- Deferral
- Other:

### ADDITIONAL LOCATION OR BRANCH CAMPUS SITE DESCRIPTION

Institution	Southeast Technical College
Site Name	Brandon Valley High School- Brandon Valley School District
Site Address	301 S. Splitrock Blvd, Brandon, SD 57005
Site Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Location <input type="checkbox"/> Branch Campus
Anticipated Opening Date	Click here to enter a date.
Site Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <sup>1</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent
Anticipated Closure Date <i>(if temporary)</i>	Click here to enter a date.
Level of Program Completion <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Degree Completion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-99% Other:

### SUMMARY

Describe the change the institution is seeking approval of.

Southeast Technical College is seeking permission to add Brandon Valley High School as an additional location to Southeast Technical College (STC). By adding Brandon Valley High School as an additional location students will have the ability to complete certificates programs while still enrolled as a high school student. The opportunity for students to earn college credit while in high school has tremendous benefits.

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Program (NACEP) has worked with many States Department of Education and the Higher Learning Commission to promote and develop high academic standards for colleges and universities offering dual enrollment courses at high schools. In several published studies student completing dual enrollment course enter college at a higher rate, complete college on time at a higher rate, and less student students enroll in remedial courses.

Brandon Valley High School offers STC courses from the Construction Management certificate program and General Education courses.

<sup>1</sup> While not formally established in Board Policy, a temporary additional location or branch campus is designed for a set number of cohorts.

<sup>2</sup> HLC Question #2.C.

## CRITERION 1: MISSION

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The program aligns with the system's mission and strategic priorities.

1.1. The program aligns with the system's mission of preparing a technically skilled workforce prepared to serve the state of South Dakota and its regions.

1.2. *The program aligns with the system's strategic priorities.*

1.0. Describe how the proposed additional location or branch campus aligns with the system's mission.

The mission of the Brandon Valley High School is "We will prepare our students to be life-long learners and productive citizens in a global society through the creation of learning environments that result in success." The mission of Brandon Valley High School aligns with STC's mission "To educate individuals for dynamic and rewarding careers that promote lifetime success and meet the workforce needs of our region." The academic programs offered at the Brandon Valley High School align with several of the academic programs at STC. The goal is to provide the Brandon Valley High School students with a springboard opportunity start earning college academic credit while still in enrolled in high school and to expose students to the many rewarding career-oriented opportunities upon graduation from STC.

## CRITERION 2: DEMAND

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The program leads to meaningful employment, adequate student enrollment, and/or fulfills needs not being met by existing education and training providers.

- 2.1. *The program leads to high-wage occupations that have an average/mean wage greater than the median wage across all occupations.*
- 2.2. *The program leads to high-demand occupations that have project annual openings (a measure of demand for workers) greater than the average across all occupations or is shown as an economic and/or labor market emerging field for the state of South Dakota and its regions.*
- 2.3. The program's student enrollment is adequate to justify program existence.
- 2.4. The program fulfills a demand not being met by existing education and training providers in the region and/or state.

2.0. Describe the institution's plans related to academic program expansion to the additional location or branch campus. Outline short- or long-term plans related to program expansion, as applicable.

STC plans to offer introductory courses at Brandon Valley High School in field of Construction Management and General Education. Students will be able to earn their Construction Basics Certificate and Residential Construction Certificate while enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses.

The long-term goal would be to have students completing as much as 50% of their academic degree program while enrolled at Brandon Valley High School and provide students with a successful transition from high school to the college environment.

Students enrolled in these courses gain exposure to the academic challenges of college while in their supportive high school environment, earning transcribed college credit at the time they successfully pass the course.

The partnership between the Brandon Valley High School and STC will facilitate a close collaborative between high school teachers and college faculty that foster alignment of secondary and postsecondary curriculum.

In a study by The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) they have reported that 63% of colleges report that completing dual enrollment courses improves the likelihood of being accepted to college.

2.3 Describe projected student enrollment for the proposed additional location or branch campus.

A. Complete Appendix 2.B.

B. Who is the targeted student population for the proposed additional location or branch campus? If the population targeted for the proposed location represents a marked change within the mix of students now enrolled in the institution (e.g., dual credit students at an institution with relatively few such students), briefly explain the institution's experience with the targeted population.<sup>3</sup>

The target audience will be high school students in the Brandon Valley School District who are enrolled at the Brandon Valley High School and completing course work as part of their high school curriculum.

Within the construction program STC will be enrolling 12 to 18 students per semester. Student numbers are limited to a maximum of 18 students to ensure proper supervision and safety of students.

The number of General Education courses offered each semester will vary based on student interest. All General Education courses will be limited to a maximum of 24 students in a dual enrollment course.

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<sup>3</sup> HLC Question #3.

2.4 Describe how the proposed additional location or branch campus fulfills a demand not being met by existing education and training providers in the region and/or state.

- A. Identify public higher education institutions, including existing additional locations and branch campuses, in the system or state that are within 50 miles<sup>4</sup> to the proposed additional location or branch campus. If none, write "None."

None

- B. If applicable: Describe the ways in which the demand is not currently being met by the aforementioned institution(s) and provide justification as to why the additional location or branch campus should be approved by addressing the following conditions that warrant duplication (BP 303.2). Select all that apply.

- Unmet Demand (C.5.1.1)                       Increases Student Access (C.5.1.3)  
 Industry Partnership (C.5.1.2)                       Other:

- I. For the conditions(s) selected above, provide a brief justification.

Currently we are enrolling students in completing single courses. With approval of Brandon Valley High School as an additional location of STC, we would be able to increase the number of credits student could earn while enrolled at Brandon Valley High School and could complete certificate program while still enrolled as a high school student or even diploma programs upon graduation from high school.

Unmet Demand: Students from Brandon Valley High School are in direct demand from industry and the school district to provide opportunities for students to learn valuable skills in the health care industry. Currently the demand for health care employees far exceeds the existing labor force and growing market in the Sioux Falls region.

Increases Student Access: Many of the students enrolling in the dual enrollment courses are starting by taking the course for career exploration. This provides these students with the opportunity to learn about career fields and to gain confidence to complete college level courses. The CNA and EMT course are prerequisite courses for all the health care programs at STC.

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<sup>4</sup> The selection of the 50-mile threshold was informed by student enrollment patterns, as reflected in the American Council on Education's (ACE) 2016 publication [Education Deserts: The Continued Significance of "Place" in the Twenty-First Century](#).

### CRITERION 3: DESIGN

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*The program's learning assessment strategy, program of study, and delivery methods are designed to provide students with the necessary competencies, as demonstrated through program learning outcomes.*

- 3.1. The program is aligned to competencies, as demonstrated through program learning outcomes, that are developed with and continually validated by relevant stakeholders.*
- 3.2. The program has a learning assessment strategy to validate student mastery of the program learning outcomes.*
- 3.3. The program has an integrated program of study designed to develop and reinforce the program learning outcomes.*
- 3.4. The program, when appropriate, includes a work-based learning component that develops and reinforces the program learning outcomes.*
- 3.5. The program, when appropriate, offers flexible delivery methods to increase student access.*

#### 3.0.1. How will the institution effectively oversee instruction at the additional location or branch campus?<sup>5</sup>

STC will have an effective oversight of the additional location through several means. First, STC is working on the submission of an application of accreditation through the National Alliance of Current Enrollment Programs (NACEP) which has established clear and strict guidelines that high education institutions must follow in the administration and oversight of concurrent enrollment programs at the high school level. STC has implemented the following standards:

- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the District on the administration and guidelines for a concurrent enrollment program to ensure that the high school course is the same quality and rigor of the courses offered on-campus at STC.
- Established a Concurrent Enrollment training program for the high school faculty.
- Created a Faculty Mentor program where the high school faculty is matched with a STC faculty in the same discipline. The STC faculty member ensures curriculum alignment, implementation of STC assessment standards, conducts classroom observations to document the post-secondary standards of the class, and that the high school students are held to the same standards of achievement as students on-campus.
- The high school faculty participate in professional development opportunities at STC to ensure they are advised about the policies and practices in relation to teaching high school students.

#### 3.0.2. What impact, if any, will the new branch campus or location have on instructional capacity at existing approved branch campuses or location?<sup>6</sup>

Adding Brandon Valley High School as an additional location will not have any impact to instructional capacity at existing campuses or locations. Enrollment at the Brandon Valley High School additional location will be limited to currently enrollment high school students within the Brandon Valley School District or partnering school districts for which the Brandon Valley School District has negotiated agreements with.

#### 3.0.3. What is the evidence that the institution will effectively deliver, support, and manage necessary academic and student services at the proposed branch campus or location(s)?<sup>7</sup>

Students enrolling in concurrent enrollment courses at Brandon Valley High School will have access to all services students at main campus have access to utilize. Students will have full access to the Academic Resource Center for tutoring and support services. Students can also connect online for academic support through NetTutor. Academic advising is completed through the program faculty, who work with each student one-on-one to track their educational programs.

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<sup>5</sup> HLC Question #13.

<sup>6</sup> HLC Question #14.

<sup>7</sup> HLC Question #18.

#### CRITERION 4: ALIGNMENT

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The program is vertically aligned to an education and training pathway.

- 4.1. The program is vertically aligned to an education and training pathway, reflecting efficient articulation of:
  - 4.1.1. *Non-degree credential/industry certification*
  - 4.1.2. *Certificate to diploma*
  - 4.1.3. *Diploma to associate of applied science*
  - 4.1.4. *Associate of applied science to baccalaureate*

4.1. Based on the institution's academic program expansion plans, as outlined in Prompt 2.0 of this application, briefly describe the alignment of the forthcoming program(s) at the additional location or branch campus along an education and training pathway.

The courses and programs offered at Brandon Valley High School will be focused on existing programs which are currently offered.

STC consider adding additional programs at Brandon Valley High School based on alignment with existing academic programs offered at STC and ability to hire highly qualified faculty.

At the high school there are many options for student to enroll in dual enrollment courses. Many of these options offered by the Board Regents are focused on general education courses and have limited enrollment based on a student's cumulative GPA in high school. The focus and direction of the concurrent enrollment program between Brandon Valley High School and STC is to allow students within trade programs to also take full advantage of concurrent enrollment opportunities and earn college credit while still in high school. The concurrent enrollment program also allows students to explore career opportunities and provides expose to new and growing high demand career fields.

## CRITERION 5: CAPACITY

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The institution demonstrates the internal and external resources necessary to develop, implement, and sustain the program.

- 5.1. The institution demonstrates the financial resources necessary to develop, implement, and sustain the program.
- 5.2. The institution demonstrates appropriately certified and qualified faculty are in place with expertise in content, pedagogy, and related industry to develop and validate the program learning outcomes.
- 5.3. The institution's physical facilities (e.g., classrooms, laboratories) reflect current industry and/or occupational standards necessary to develop and validate the program learning outcomes.
- 5.4. The institution's equipment and technology resources reflect current industry and/or occupational standards necessary to develop and validate the program learning outcomes.
- 5.5. The institution demonstrates the ability of the program to meet institutional and programmatic accreditation standards, as applicable.

5.1. Describe the institution's financial capacity to develop, implement, and sustain the additional location or branch campus.

A. Complete Appendix 5.

B. Describe the anticipated local fee structure. Description of fee structure should be specific to the additional location or branch campus.

There will be no additional fees added to the tuition rate for students enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses at Brandon Valley High School.

5.2. Describe how the institution will ensure the appropriately certified and qualified faculty are in place with the expertise in content, pedagogy, and the related industry.

A. How does the institution plan to staff the additional location(s) or branch campus, including judging faculty qualifications and full-time vs. part-time faculty? How does this differ from the institution's processes for staffing at the main campus?<sup>8</sup>

Instructor teaching dual enrollment courses must meet all qualification standards set by STC to reach college level courses. These standards are in full alignment with NACEP accreditation standards and HLC accreditation standards.

Each partnering high school will be required to work with their faculty in meeting the standards set forth by STC accreditation bodies to teach dual enrollment courses.

The partnership with Brandon Valley High School will also provide the option for an STC instructor to travel to the high school and teach a course on site at the high school. The focus will also be to ensure that a highly qualified faculty member is delivering the curriculum based on standards and assessment practices of courses being taught at the main campus.

We have attached as a supplement document a copy of STC's Concurrent Enrollment Faculty Handbook academic policies and procedures for high school faculty teaching dual enrollment courses on behalf of STC. We are also attaching a draft copy of the High School MOU which outlines expectations and policies between Brandon Valley High School and STC.

Candidates for adjunct instructor positions at Southeast Tech must meet the following minimum requirements:

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<sup>8</sup> HLC Question #17



Transferable General Education Courses:

- Master's degree in a field directly related to the area of instruction, or a Master's degree with at least 18 graduate credit hours in the subject area of instruction; the Dean will determine if the Master's degree is acceptable for the area of instruction.

Applied General Education Courses:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in the appropriate field with a Master's or Doctorate preferred.
- A minimum of two years of professional work experience or another specific threshold as determined by the Dean based on the subject area and industry best practice.
- Possession of a valid secondary teaching certificate with an endorsement in the field they are teaching.
- A passing exam score on the Praxis II exam.

Applied General Education Courses Exception Process:

- If the Dean of Curriculum and Instruction wish to request an exception to these qualification requirements, such as a related Bachelor's degree to teach applied or developmental general education courses along with a secondary teaching certificate and an endorsement in the area they are teaching, the following steps must be completed.
  - The instructor must submit a written justification and recommendation for the exception to the Dean of Curriculum and Instruction.
  - The Dean, along with the Vice President of Academic Affairs, must provide written approval of the recommendation before the candidate may be hired.
  - A copy of the justification and recommendation as well as the Dean's and Vice President's approval must be saved in the adjunct instructor's official credentialing file.

Career and Technical Education Program Exception Process:

- An adjunct instructor may be eligible to teach CTE courses should they hold a minimum of an Associate's degree in a field directly related to the area of instruction, at least 18 credit hours in the discipline of instruction, and have or are obtaining a current Post-Secondary credential issued under the authority of the South Dakota Board of Technical Education.
- A minimum of three years of professional work experience or another specific threshold as determined by the Dean based on the subject area and industry best practice.
- A passing exam score on the NOCTI exam for technical programs.

5.3. Describe how the additional location or branch campus's physical facilities meet current industry and/or occupational standards for the forthcoming academic program(s). Outline short- or long-term investments in physical facilities that will be needed.<sup>9</sup>

No additional facilities are needed.

For the construction management program, Brandon Valley High School has a full enclosed construction facility. Recently Brandon Valley established a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to construct a home in the enclosed structure.

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<sup>9</sup> Comparable to HLC Questions #8-9.

5.4. Describe how the equipment and/or technology resources at the additional local or branch campus meet current industry and/or occupational standards for the forthcoming academic program(s). Outline short- or long-term investment in equipment and technology resources that will be needed.<sup>10</sup>

No additional equipment will be needed to deliver the academic courses offered at Brandon Valley High School.

5.5. Describe the ability of the institution and forthcoming programs to meet institutional and programmatic accreditation standards at the additional location or branch campus, as applicable.

A. Specify Higher Learning Commission (HLC) requirements for the additional location or branch campus.

- Notification Only<sup>11</sup>
- Approval Required
- None
- Other:

B. Describe the ability of the proposed site to meet institutional or programmatic accreditation standards. If the anticipated site and/or program does not or cannot meet those standards, describe the area(s) in which it is deficient and indicate steps needed to qualify the site for accreditation. Provide the dates by which the site would be expected to be fully accredited.

Southeast Tech will work with the partner high school to ensure that all NACEP and HLC accreditation standards are met. STC will provide the technical support and direction to ensure the success of the additional location. STC does not foresee any issues with obtaining and maintaining accreditation for the additional site.

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<sup>10</sup> Comparable to HLC Questions #8-9.

<sup>11</sup> Applicable if the institution is approved within [HLC's Notification Program for Additional Locations](#).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. Briefly describe the planning process for the new branch campus or location, including the involvement of the various constituencies in that process, the management of the branch campus or location, and how the management of the branch campus or location fit into the organizational structure of the main campus.<sup>12</sup>

STC has for over three years offered dual enrollment courses at Brandon Valley High School. Brandon Valley and STC have signed a formal MOU regarding the process for offering dual enrollment courses at the high school. The MOU is in alignment with NACEP standards for high school dual enrollment programs.

2. If approved to open the additional location or branch campus, what future growth does the institution anticipate (e.g., in the next six months, three years) for the additional location or branch campus, and how does the institution plan to manage this growth?<sup>13</sup>

The Brandon Valley School District is working to establish their own CTE program for the students within the district. The goal would be to add such programs automotive, welding, business, construction management dual enrollment courses. At this time we are continuing to evaluate the current offering of construction courses to determine if we move forward with the additional program as dual enrollment.

3. Describe the contingency plans in case anticipated enrollments, income, or resources do not materialize.<sup>14</sup>

Enrollment in dual enrollment course have not been any issues at Brandon Valley High School since STC has been offering courses at the high school. STC does not anticipate any issues with student enrollment.

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<sup>12</sup> HLC Question #7.

<sup>13</sup> HLC Question #5.

<sup>14</sup> HLC Question #12.B.

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**Appendix 2.B: Student Demand Projections**

Southeast Technical College

Brandon Valley High School- Additional Location

	<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3</b>
<b>Student Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>
Headcount: Full-Time	0	0	0
Headcount: Part-Time	15	30	60
<b>Headcount: Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total Program or Site Capacity</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>

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**Appendix 5: Financial Projections**

Southeast Technical College  
 Brandon Valley High School- Additional Location

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
<b>Student FTE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>

**I. PROJECTED EXPENDITURES**

<b>A. ONE-TIME</b>			
New/Renovated Facilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Sub-Total: One-time</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>B. RECURRING</b>			
<b>B.1. PERSONNEL</b>			
FTE (Faculty and Staff)	-	-	-
Salary & Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>B.2. OPERATING</b>			
Rental / Lease	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00
Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Other: HLC Accreditation of additional site	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Sub-Total: Operating</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Total: Recurring</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES (A + B)</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
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**II. PROJECTED REVENUE**

Tuition	\$ 21,748.50	\$ 43,497.00	\$ 86,994.00
State Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Location-Based Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Private Grants or Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 21,748.50</b>	<b>\$ 43,497.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,994.00</b>
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<b>REVENUE - EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 12,248.50</b>	<b>\$ 41,997.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,894.00</b>
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*\*Projections are held constant based on current fiscal year. Inflation or rate changes are not factored.*