

Meeting higher education needs in Rapid City

- Black Hills State University first began offering on-site courses at Ellsworth Air Force Base (EAFB) 50 years ago; over the years, State Universities have increased the programs and courses available to serve the needs of the entire Rapid City region
- In 2006, the educational facility at EAFB was converted to a financial services center, requiring educational programs to be relocated to sites within Rapid City
- The new facility will provide a single site for admissions, financial aid, advising, and other student support services
- No general funds will be used to operate or construct this facility
- Students are provided the opportunity to take courses at a convenient location allowing them to continue to work and fulfill family obligations
- In addition to degree programs, the Center offers coursework in education, teacher certification/renewal, and professional/personal growth areas and courses that make it possible for students to complete an unfinished degree



The University Center - Rapid City, located just off Interstate 90, will provide a convenient and accessible site for higher education classes. The 59,000-square foot building will include 20 classrooms, a biology lab, a computer lab, an auditorium, seminar and conference rooms, and gathering spaces for students to work in small groups.

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Programs in Rapid City

Nearly 1,700 students were served in Rapid City in fall of 2009

Headcount

Black Hills State University	1,113
Dakota State University	4
South Dakota State University	265
University of South Dakota	287

Student Credit Hours for fall 2009

	Self-Support	State-Support	Total
Black Hills State University	8,004	51 *	8,055
Dakota State University		40***	40
South Dakota State University	521	1,904**	2,425
University of South Dakota	426	1,315**	1,741
Total	8,951	3,310	12,261

*Business courses at SDSMT **Nursing courses ***Respiratory care **FTE Generated - 836**

Self-Support Tuition Rate

Undergraduate	\$253.95/hour
Graduate.....	\$337.05/hour
Total cost for a three-credit (undergraduate) class with books - \$837.00	



Legislators and dignitaries who participated in the ceremonial ground breaking for the University Center - Rapid City included: (Left to right) Representative Mark Kirkeby; Representative Mike Verchio; Representative Charles Turbiville; Senator Tom Nelson; Senator Craig Tieszen; Regent Melanie Jeppesen; Regent Harvey Jewitt; Kathryn Johnson, BOR vice president; James Hansen, BOR secretary; Senator Jeffrey Haverly; Dr. Jack Warner, BOR executive director; SDSMT President Robert Wharton; and BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp.



• Black Hills State University

Bachelor's degrees:

- Business Administration
- History
- Human Services
- Industrial Technology
- Professional Accountancy
- Social Science
- Sociology

Minors:

- Business Administration
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Associate degrees:

- General Studies

Master's degrees:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- MBA (Business Administration in Applied Management - begins fall 2010)

• Dakota State University

Associate and Bachelor's degree:

- Respiratory Care

• Northern State University

Associate degree:

- Banking and Financial Services (begins fall 2010)

• South Dakota State University

Bachelor degree:

- Nursing

Master's degree:

- Counseling
- Educational Administration

• University of South Dakota

Bachelor's degree:

- Criminal Justice
- Health Science

Associate degree:

- Nursing

Master's degree:

- Administrative Studies

Doctorate:

- Educational Administration

University Center students in Rapid City

Providing access to higher education programs in the state's second largest city is critical to meeting workforce needs and giving people the opportunity to advance in their careers.

The University Center in Rapid City provides access to higher education to meet the needs of students who otherwise would not be able to earn their degree.

Rapid City students include people who are:

- Working full-time and supporting their families
- Returning to finish a partially completed degree
- Making a career change
- Place-bound and not able to move to a traditional campus
- Military people as well as their family members who are based in the Rapid City area
- Taking specific courses for professional development and to enhance their knowledge

