South Dakota Board of Regents

EXISTING PROGRAM: SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM MODIFICATION

1. INSTITUTION: South Dakota State University

2. CURRENT PROGRAM NAME: PhD in Nursing

3. THIS PROPOSAL DEALS WITH A CHANGE IN: Admission Requirements

4. LEVEL: Doctoral Degree

5. CATEGORY: Major

6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE: Fall 2014

8. PRIMARY ASPECTS OF THE MODIFICATION:

   Existing Curriculum | Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

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9. EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE:

1. Currently, all students applying to the PhD program are required to show proof of personal liability insurance at the $1 million per occurrence and $5 million aggregate level. For students with advanced practice certification (e.g., midwife), insurers do not insure to this level. Per consultation with University Counsel, the recommended updated admissions requirement will read as follows: “Students who are licensed practitioners are required to show proof of personal liability insurance at the $1 million/ $5 million OR $1 million/ $3 million level if appropriate during the time they are engaging with human subjects in dissertation research.”

2. Currently, international students who are Registered Nurses are required to demonstrate proof of an RN license in a U.S. state or territory. Obtaining these credentials adds at least 1 year to their program time and cost, and discourages international students from applying. Consultation with the South Dakota Board of Nursing has resulted in their endorsement of the proposed change. The new requirement should read “International students who are nurses are required to show proof of current licensure/registration as a Registered Nurse (or equivalent), in good standing, in their home country, and maintain that licensure throughout the duration of the program.”

Academic and English proficiency requirements remain unchanged.

The online catalog will reflect the following changes in the Admission Requirements for PhD program:

1. Updated wording to item #1 “Current RN licensure. (International students who are nurses are required to show proof of current licensure/registration as a Registered Nurse (or equivalent), in good standing, in their home country, and maintain that licensure throughout the duration of the program.)”
2. Following the admission criteria: “*Students who are licensed practitioners are required to show proof of personal liability insurance at the $1 million/ $5 million OR $1 million/ $3 million level if appropriate during the time they are engaging with human subjects in dissertation research.”

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Appendix A:  
Proposed Change for Graduate Catalog