Use this form to request authorization to deliver an existing degree program at a new site or by distance delivery. The Executive Director or the Board may request additional information.

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**University Approval**

To the Board and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this request, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.

David L. Chicoine  
President of the University  
11/23/2011  
Date

After approval by the President, a signed copy of the proposal should be transmitted to the Executive Director. Only after Executive Director review should the proposal be posted on the university web site and the Board staff and the other universities notified of the URL.

1. **What is the need for this program in this site (these sites)? What is the expected demand for graduates in the site(s)?**

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to deliver the B.S. in Nursing (BSN) in Aberdeen. Aberdeen area residents who hold a BS or BA in non-nursing fields are requesting that a 12-month BSN be offered in Aberdeen so that they do not need to relocate to Sioux Falls for the SDSU BSN Accelerated (12-month) Option. The demand for the program includes a current list of 30 students who have worked with the Academic Advisor at Northern State University to complete their current degree and have indicated that they are interested in an accelerated option to study nursing at the baccalaureate level.

The Institute of Medicine Report (2010) strongly recommends that by 2020, 80 percent of all RNs should be prepared with a minimum of a BS in Nursing. The 2010 South Dakota ratio is 33 percent prepared at the BS or BA in Nursing plus 7 percent with an MS/MA in Nursing; and 2 percent with doctoral preparation (42% with BS or above) and 58 percent with an AS/AA or Diploma in nursing;

The 2011 Report from the South Dakota Center for Nursing Workforce (SD Board of Nursing, p. 11-15) indicates that the population of 13,597 RNs in South Dakota is aging. The average age of current active RNs is 46 years old. Forty percent of the RNs are younger than 40 years of age with 37 percent 51 years and older. There are programs which prepare RNs geographically distributed throughout South Dakota, however, in Aberdeen which has the third largest population (behind Rapid City and Sioux Falls), there is only one RN program in Aberdeen at Presentation College and none within a 100 mile radius which prepare Baccalaureate RNs for the
work force. New RNs need to be educated at the baccalaureate level in the Northeast Region of South Dakota to be available for all of the health systems in this geographical area.

For example, Sanford Health System will open a new 39-bed hospital in spring of 2012 in Aberdeen. The Chief Nursing Officer at Sanford Health System has indicated that additional RNs will be needed for this new facility to be fully staffed and for ongoing turnover of RN staff. The RN graduates from the proposed SDSU Accelerated baccalaureate program would be available to any agency in the Northeast South Dakota area or at any other location. The University intends to offer the program with a cohort size of 40. The program would be cost effective with 40 students with travel in and around Aberdeen to have student experiences at key clinical facilities.

The SDSU Accelerated BSN has been successful since its inception in 2002 in Sioux Falls. The total number nine cohorts of students have graduated 327 new RNs since 2003. The retention rate for all nine cohorts is 98 percent. The NCLEX-RN licensure pass rate averages 95 percent compared with a 2010 state and national NCLEX-RN pass rate of 87 percent. Sixty-seven percent of the total number of SDSU Accelerated Sioux Falls graduates work in South Dakota. Twenty two of the 327 have continued on for graduate education as nurse faculty, nurse anesthetists, or advanced practice nurses.

2. Is any regental university authorized to offer a similar program at the new site(s)? Is any non-system institution offering a similar program at the new site(s)? If either answer is “yes,” identify the institution(s) and program(s) and explain why authorization is requested.

No South Dakota Regental university delivers the B.S. in Nursing in Aberdeen.

Yes. One private institution, Presentation College, offers associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing in Aberdeen. According to the South Dakota Board of Nursing Report in 2010, Presentation College graduated 27 students with a baccalaureate degree in 2010; 34 in 2009; and 63 in 2007-2008. With the number of Presentation BSN graduates decreasing and an increased workforce demand in the region, an additional option for Northeast South Dakota is needed. Presentation does not offer a 12-month BSN.

3. Are students expected to be new to the university or redirected from other programs or both? Complete the table and explain how the estimates were developed. How will the new site(s) affect enrollments in other campus and off-campus programs in the regental system?

The students will be new to the university. Qualified students on the wait list in Sioux Falls will be directed to the Aberdeen site.
In Sioux Falls the accelerated BSN begins and ends in August. In Aberdeen the program would begin in January and end in December. The first students would begin in January 2013 and graduate in December 2013. Expected attrition is one student from each group.

SDSU does not expect students from its other programs to be redirected into the BSN in Aberdeen unless they are on the qualified wait list in Sioux Falls for the Accelerated Option.

Impact on Existing Programs

A cohort of 40 students is budget neutral and will not impact existing nursing programs at SDSU.

4. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances

Students will enter the Nursing Accelerated Option with a previous BS or BA degree. This previous degree will include courses that already meet the GE, IGR, and ITR requirements of the SDSU BSN.

A copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog is provided as Appendix A.
South Dakota State University  
New Site: B.S. Nursing, Aberdeen

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*If the major will be available in more than one degree (BA, BS, BS Ed) at the new site(s) and the number or distribution of credits will vary with the degree, provide a separate table for each degree.

5. **How will you provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?**

Students in the program will have access to library materials through the distance education librarians from Briggs Library and through online library resources. Financial aid and other services are available through the Brookings Campus.

6. **Is this program accredited by a specialized accrediting body? If so, address any program accreditation issues and costs related to offering the program at the new site(s).**

The BS in Nursing program is nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). There will be no change in the accreditation status or needs. All sites and undergraduate options at SDSU – standard, accelerated, and RN to BS – are currently accredited by CCNE.

7. **Does the University request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy. If no exceptions are requested, enter “None.”**

None
South Dakota State University  
New Site: B.S. Nursing, Aberdeen

8. Costs, Budget & Resources Related to New Courses at the Site: Explain the amount and source(s) of any one-time and continuing investments in personnel, professional development, release time, instructional technology and software, other O&M, facilities, student services, etc needed to implement the program at the new site(s). Complete Appendix B – Budget using the system form.

A budget is provided as Appendix B.

The site coordinator and faculty members will be new positions. The support personnel, non-faculty, will be shared personnel with NSU, i.e., secretary, academic advisor, and computer support person.

SDSU and NSU are working together to identify space for faculty offices, on-campus laboratories, conference and class room space. Provost Hawley has indicated that NSU is currently planning to house the offices and on-campus laboratory in MeWaldt-Jensen Hall, located with the College of Arts and Sciences.

9. Additional Information. (Optional) Limit the number and length of additional attachments. Identify with capital letters (C, D, E, etc). In some cases, responses to questions from the Board or the Executive Director may be provided as appendices. Letters of support are not necessary and are rarely included with Board materials.

Dean Roberta Olson met with external stakeholders in Aberdeen on November 11, 2011:
A. Sanford Hospital CEO Gordon Larson and CNO Jackie Striden are very supportive of this proposal to contribute to the Registered Nurse (RN) workforce in the Aberdeen area.
B. Avera St. Luke’s Hospital CNO KC DeBoer and six nursing leaders were somewhat supportive. They acknowledged their need for RN work force, but requested that SDSU work the nursing program at Presentation College for clinical needs.
C. Presentation College (PC) Interim Director, Illa Reeve was concerned about the impact that a new nursing program in Aberdeen might have on the PC program. Dean Olson emphasized SDSU and PC would recruit different populations of students – SDSU for students with previous BS or BA non-nursing degrees and PC for recent high school graduates or non-traditional students without previous degrees. Dean Olson and Director Reeve also discussed the sequence of courses in order to have SDSU and PC clinical site use for pediatric and maternity nursing during opposite semesters. The optimum start for SDSU then would be January of 2013.

Dean Olson met on September 20 2011 with President James Smith, Provost Tom Hawley, and A&S Dean Celestino Mendez to discuss use of space at Northern State University. NSU administrators are very supportive of this new site proposal and will provide space and share non-faculty support personnel.
Appendix A
SDSU B.S. Nursing – Catalog 2011-2012

Nursing (NURS) Major
Requirements for Nursing Major – Accelerated Option

Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to beginning the nursing major:

System General Education Requirements*: All Students will enter the Nursing Accelerated Option with a previous BS or BA degree. This previous degree will include courses that already meet the GE, IGR, and ITR requirements of the SDSU BSN.

CHEM 106-106L, or
CHEM 112-112L ........................................................................................................4

CHEM 108-108L or
CHEM 114-114L........................................................................................................4

BIOL 221-221L, Human Anatomy and Lab(COM) .........4
MICR 231-231L, General Microbiology and Lab (COM)......4

NFS 315, Human Nutrition..........................................................3

BIOL 221-221L, Human Anatomy and Lab(COM) ............4

STAT 281 Statistical Methods I

ENGL 101 English Composition I and ENGL 102 Comp II .......6

SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech ..................................................3

MATH 102 College Algebra............................................................3

Major Requirements: 62

NURS 323, Introduction to Pathophysiology .........................3

NURS 215, Professional Nursing .................................................2

NURS 265-265L, Health Assessment and Interventions and Lab ......4

NURS 355, Research: Appraisal and Utilization.........................2

NURS 365-365L, Nursing Care of the Client with Health Problems and Lab .................................................6

NURS 380-380L, Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family and Lab .................................................................5

NURS 400-400L, Advanced Nursing Care of the Client with Health Problems and Lab..................................................5

NURS 420-420L, Nursing Care of the Client with Mental Health Problems and Lab .................................................5

NURS 425, Nursing Leadership ....................................................3

NURS 480-480L, Advanced Population based Nursing Practice and Lab .................................................................4

Total credits

62