



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Post-Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate
CIP CODE:	51.3805
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Graduate Nursing (SGRNR)
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Nursing (SGRAD)

University Approval

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

Dennis D. Hedge

3/26/2018

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Admission Requirements |

2. Effective date of change: 2018-2019 Academic Year

3. Program Degree Level:

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

4. Category:

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

Proposed new name:

Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.

6. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

Pre	Num	Title	CrHrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
NURS	623	Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan - Application to Advanced Practice Nursing	4	NURS	623	Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan - Application to Advanced Practice Nursing	4
NURS	631-631L	Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan & Lab	4	NURS	631-631L	Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan & Lab	4

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)</i>			
NURS	675	Cultural Competence in Health Care	3	NURS	675	Cultural Competence in Health Care	3
NURS	765	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum I	7	NURS	765	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum I	7
NURS	771	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum II	7	NURS	771	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum II	7
NURS	776	Family Nurse Practitioner III - Small Group Instruction	3	NURS	776	Family Nurse Practitioner III - Small Group Instruction	3
NURS	777	Family Nurse Practitioner: Practicum III	9	NURS	777	Family Nurse Practitioner: Practicum III	9
PHA	645	Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan: Application to Advanced Practice	4	PHA	645	Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan: Application to Advanced Practice	4
Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			41	Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			26
Total number of hours required for degree			41	Total number of hours required for degree			26

Change Admission Requirements

Current:

GRE: Not required

TOEFL: Score of 600 paper-based, 100 Internet-based, OR

IELTS: 7.0 total band

In addition to meeting basic requirements for admission to the Graduate School, applicants for graduate study in nursing must have:

- Bachelor's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program with an upper division major in nursing with a "B" average (3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system).
- Master's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program with a "B" average (3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system).
- Current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the United States or its' territories prior to enrollment in first graduate nursing course.
- 1500 hours of documented nursing practice experience prior to first clinical lab or within first year of program.
- Completed approved statistical methods course within the past 5 years.
- Completed and verified application to the Graduate Nursing program via NursingCAS website.
- Compliance requirements: Background check, FBI rolled fingerprint, drug screen, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, ACLS certification for FNP specialization professional liability insurance, influenza vaccine, and TB test.
- Interview with graduate faculty for FNP specialization only.
- Completion of written response to questions regarding educational goals, scholarly practice interest and desired practice career.

Proposed:

GRE: Not required

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- Successful completion of graduate level courses in Advanced Physical Assessment (Lifespan), Advanced Pathophysiology (Lifespan), Advanced Pharmacology / Pharmacotherapeutics (Lifespan) with a course grade of 3.0 or higher within the last 5 years.
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7. Explanation of the Change:

SDSU's clinical practice partners have emphasized the need for a more streamlined path for producing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) providers. The Post-Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certificate offers an avenue for students who already possess a master's degree in Nursing but who are seeking the additional credential of FNP for the purposes of providing direct care as an APRN. The current plan of study is credit heavy at 41 credits, and, for many students, requires content most applicants have previously completed such as the 3 P's (pathophysiology, pharmacology, and physical assessment). The 3 P's are better situated as prerequisites. If an applicant needs these courses they can take those offered by SDSU graduate nursing. NURS 675: Cultural Competence in Health Care has also been removed from the plan of study. The FNP certificate includes adequate cultural care content in the practicum courses. The elimination of the 3 P's and NURS 675 amounts to a deduction of 15 credits thus resulting in a 26 credit certificate program. A reduced credit certificate option addresses the concerns voiced from the graduates' employers.

In addition, a prior statistics course in the last 5 years will not be required as an admission requirement.