



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
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Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Nursing (M.S.) – Clinical Nurse Leader Specialization
CIP CODE:	51.3801
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Nursing
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Graduate School

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

3/27/2019

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) |

2. Effective date of change: 2019-2020 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:

6. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
NURS	615	Foundations of Advanced Nursing	3	NURS	615	Foundations of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS	623	Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan: Applied to Advanced Practice Nursing	4	NURS	623	Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan: Applied to Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NURS	626	Research in Nursing and Health Care	3	NURS	626	Research in Nursing and Health Care	3
				NURS	630	Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan for CNL/Nurse Educator	3
NURS	631	Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan and lab	4	NURS	631	Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan and lab	4.0

Existing Curriculum				Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)			
Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
NURS	645	CNL I: Improvement Science: A Microsystem	5	NURS	645	CNL I: Improvement Science: A Microsystem	5
NURS	646	- CNL II: Clinical Immersion and Capstone Project	6	NURS	646	- CNL II: Clinical Immersion and Capstone Project	6
NURS	670	Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics	3	NURS	670	Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics	3
NURS	675	Cultural Competence in Healthcare	3	NURS	675	Cultural Competence in Healthcare	3
NURS	760	Advanced Concepts in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3	NURS	760	Advanced Concepts in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS	860	Health Operations and Financial Management for Nurse Leaders	3	NURS	860	Health Operations and Financial Management for Nurse Leaders	3
PHA	645	Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan: Application to Advanced Practice	2	PHA	645	Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan: Application to Advanced Practice	2
Total number of hours required for the specialization Option C			39	Total number of hours required for the specialization Option C			36

7. Explanation of the Change:

The substantive program modification for the Nursing (M.S.) - Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) specialization reflects credit reductions in two courses. These reductions align with tailoring course content to more effectively match the CNL role.

- Reduced *NURS 623 Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan: Application to Advanced Practice Nursing* from 4 to 2 credits for the Clinical Nurse Leader specialization. The course will be offered for variable credits (2-4). CNL students need content in advanced pathophysiology to prepare them for the CNL role. Nationally, the average course credit for this content is 2-3 credits. SDSU students currently take 4 credits which is the same credit amount taken by the nurse practitioner student. These two advanced nursing roles are distinctly different. The revised variable credit hours more efficiently align quantity of content with the CNL role.
- Replaced *NURS 631-631L Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan & Lab* (4 cr.) with *NURS 630 Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan for the CNL/Nurse Educator* (3 cr.). *NURS 631-631L* is heavily focused on diagnosis and prescription of treatment content needed by the nurse practitioner students. The CNL student does not need this practice content depth. Nationally, the average load in CNL programs for this content is 2-3 credits. Applicants are deciding against our program due to the depth of the content, the required face to face component, and lack of focus on the CNL role.