



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

**New Site Request**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Post-Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate</b>
<b>NEW SITE(S):</b>	<b>Rapid City<sup>1</sup>, Sioux Falls<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:</b>	<b>2019-2020 Academic Year</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>51.3805</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Graduate Nursing</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>Graduate School</b>

**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.*

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President of the University

5/13/2019

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Date

**1. What is the need for offering the program at the new physical site or through distance delivery?**

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to offer the Post-Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certificate at the Rapid City and Sioux Falls sites for the College of Nursing Graduate Nursing programs. The Post-Graduate FNP certificate program prepares graduates to deliver evidence-based direct patient care at an advanced practice level to individuals across the lifespan in primary care settings. Graduates are eligible to write certification examinations in Family Nurse Practitioner from either the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP).

Individuals who have earned a Master's in Nursing degree from SDSU or any other CCNE or NLNAC accredited nursing program are eligible to apply for the Post-Graduate FNP certificate program. The plan of study consists of hybrid courses from the well-established Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization program which currently has enrollment in Brookings, Sioux Falls and Rapid City sites. The Rapid City site is a prominently located building on Mount Rushmore Road and has two state of the art exam rooms and lecture hall. The Sioux Falls site is part of the STI Sioux Falls campus which includes lab and classroom facilities.

<sup>1</sup> 1220 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD, 57701

<sup>2</sup> 2300 Career Avenue, Suite 260, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

The need for advanced practice registered nurses is well documented.<sup>3</sup> In South Dakota the need for increased health care access and quality is met with a workforce including APRNs. This certificate provides a streamlined path for nurses with a previous master’s degree to obtain specialized education to qualify as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) primary care provider.

SDSU will not require additional resources.

**2. Are any other Regental universities authorized to offer a similar program at the proposed site(s) or through distance delivery? If “yes,” identify the institutions and programs and explain why authorization is requested.**

No other Regental university offers a similar program.

**3. Are students enrolling in the program expected to be new to the university or redirected from other existing programs at the university? Complete the table below and explain the methodology used in developing the estimates (replace “XX” in the table with the appropriate year).**

SDSU anticipates students enrolling in the Post-Graduate FNP certificate may have been College of Nursing undergraduates or MS students, however, some may be entirely new to the University. As seen in the table below, the certificate is expected to attract 1-4 students per year, per site. Certificate students join currently enrolled master’s and DNP nursing students in sequential coursework. The certificate is intended for individuals already in the workforce to receive specialized training to provide advanced practice primary care across the lifespan.

<i>Estimates</i>	Fiscal Years*							
	1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup>	
	FY 20		FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	RC	SF	RC	SF	RC	SF	RC	SF
Students new to the university	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
Students from other university programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
=Total students in the program at the site	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6
Program credit hours (major courses)**	11	11	36	36	48	48	66	66
Graduates	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3

\*Do not include current fiscal year.

\*\*This is the total number of credit hours generated by students in the program in the required or elective program courses. Use the same numbers in Appendix B – Budget.

**4. What is the perceived impact of this request on existing programs in the Regental system?**

No negative impact is expected.

**5. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog. If there are corresponding program modifications requested, please attach the associated form. Explain the delivery of the new courses and**

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/workforce/what-is-nursing/aprn/>

**attach any associated new course request forms.**

<b>Post-Graduate Family nurse practitioner Certificate</b>	Credit hours	Credit hours currently available from this university in Rapid City	Credit hours currently available from this university in Sioux Falls	Credit hours currently available from other universities available online	Credit hours new to this university
Required Courses	26	26	26	0	0
<i>Total, Degree with Proposed Major</i>	26	26	26	0	0

\*If the major will be available in more than one degree (e.g., 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.

The College of Nursing has processed a minor modification for the Post-Graduate FNP Certificate effective for the 2019-2020 academic year. Revision of the sequence of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) practicum courses streamlines the plan of study to avoid a semester gap in clinical learning. The revised sequence requires creation of a new course, NURS 768, placed between two existing courses NURS 765 and NURS 771, thus requiring a revision of course titles for congruent sequencing, as well as the deletion of current NURS 777 course. The College recommended the following curriculum changes within the Post-Graduate FNP Certificate:

Core requirements:

Prefix & #	Title	Credit Hours
NURS 765	FNP Integration: Practicum I	7
NURS 768	FNP Integration: Practicum II	4
NURS 771	FNP Integration: Practicum III	7
NURS 776	FNP integration: Practicum IV	8
	Total Credit Hours Required	26

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

The College of Nursing (CON) employs a full-time Assistant Director of Nursing Student Services, Graduate Nursing who serves as connection and advising contact for the distance students. Additionally, a faculty member is designated as the Family nurse practitioner Specialization Coordinator offering yet another layer of support and advisement for distance students. Connection methods such as CON polycom or D2L Zoom offer the synchronous face to face meetings as needed.

**7. 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 Master of Science in Nursing program is accredited every 10 years by the Collegiate Commission on Colleges of Nursing (CCNE). The next visit is 2021 at which time all College of Nursing programs, i.e., undergraduate and graduate, will be reviewed, including the Post Graduate FNP certificate.

**8. Does the university request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy.**

No.

- 9. Cost, Budget, and 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, time redirected from other assignments, instructional technology & software, other operations and maintenance, facilities, etc., needed to implement the proposed minor. Complete Appendix B – Budget using the system form.**

No additional resources are needed to deliver this certificate. Tuition revenue generated from online tuition will be self-support tuition and will adequately fund the program. The courses offered in the Post-Graduate Certificate are also utilized in the M.S. in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization.