



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

**New Site Request**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Nursing (B.S.N.) – Accelerated Program</b>
<b>NEW SITE(S):</b> <i>Include address of new physical locations. Delivery methods are defined in <a href="#">AAC Guideline 5.5</a>.</i>	<b>1011 11<sup>th</sup> St. Rapid City, SD</b>
<b>INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:</b>	<b>2020-2021 Academic Year</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>51.3801</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Undergraduate Nursing</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Nursing</b>

**Please check this box to confirm that:**

- The individual preparing this request has read [AAC Guideline 2:11](#), which pertains to new site requests, and that this request meets the requirements outlined in the guidelines.
- This request will not be posted to the university website for review of the Academic Affairs Committee until it is approved by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.

**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

2/4/2020

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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 Nursing (B.S.N.) – Accelerated Program in Rapid City. The accelerated program will provide opportunities for individuals already possessing a degree in another field to enter nursing and complete the program in twelve months. SDSU currently offers the accelerated program in Sioux Falls and Aberdeen. The workforce need for registered nurses remains very robust across the nation and South Dakota is among the top ten states with the largest projected nursing shortage.<sup>1</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics notes that jobs for registered nurses will continue to grow at least 12% by 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.<sup>2</sup> A recent study from the US

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.registerednursing.org/largest-nursing-shortages/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

Department of Health and Human Services suggests that South Dakota may need an additional 2,000 nurses, a 14% increase in the current workforce, to meet the state’s demand by 2030.<sup>3</sup> This workforce need for nursing appears especially significant in the western region of the state. Regional Health in Rapid City reports that they could hire an additional 300 nurses on any given day.<sup>4</sup> SDSU’s College of Nursing is seeking ways to meet the nursing workforce needs. The University proposes to offer the accelerated track for the Rapid City site in partnership with the ongoing accelerated programs in either Sioux Falls or Aberdeen. Coursework will be delivered to the Rapid City cohort from courses offered in Sioux Falls or Aberdeen via synchronous distance technology and clinical, simulation and laboratory experiences will be offered face-to-face in Rapid City. The SDSU College of Nursing has documented potential interest in this program by surveying senior students (n=27) enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Sciences program at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. These students are likely to have required pre-nursing courses completed within their SDSM&T B.S. degree. Over half of the students indicated an interest in attending an accelerated nursing program in Rapid City if one were available.

The University does not request new state resources or new student fees to support delivery in Rapid City.

- 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 nursing program in South Dakota offers accelerated programming.

- 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.**

SDSU expects the students to be new to the university. The University proposes a cohort of up to 16 students at the Rapid City site that will partner either with Sioux Falls or Aberdeen cohorts already offering the degree option. These students will already possess a baccalaureate degree, and this offering, delivered via a combination of distance technology and face-to-face clinical, laboratory, and simulation experiences already in place at the partnering site, will allow these students to complete a B.S.N. within 1 year of extended education.

	Fiscal Years*			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Estimates</i>	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24
Students new to the university	16	16	16	16
Students from other university programs	0	0	0	0
=Total students in the program at the site	16	16	16	16
Program credit hours (major courses)**	976	976	976	976
Graduates	16	16	16	16

\*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.

<sup>3</sup> [https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bhw/nchwa/projections/NCHWA\\_HRSA\\_Nursing\\_Report.pdf](https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bhw/nchwa/projections/NCHWA_HRSA_Nursing_Report.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> P. Davidson, personal communication, August 12, 2019

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

No impact is anticipated. The new site will utilize existing resources and provide a pathway for working and place-bound professionals to obtain their B.S.N. degree.

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

	Credit hours	SDSU Credit hours currently available @Rapid City	Credit hours currently available from other universities @ Rapid City	SDSU Credit hours currently available via distance	Credit hours new to this university
<b>Nursing (B.S.N.) - Accelerated Program</b>					
System General Education Requirements	32-33	0	32-33	32-33	0
<i>Subtotal, Degree Requirements</i>	32-33	0	32-33	32-33	0
Pre-nursing Requirements	20	2	18	6	0
Major Requirements	61	61	0	0	0
<i>Subtotal, Requirements of the Proposed Major</i>	81	63	0	39	0
Free Electives	6-7	0	6-7	6-7	0
<i>Total, Degree with Proposed Major</i>	120				

\*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 accelerated program will provide opportunities for individuals already possessing a degree in another field to enter nursing and complete the program in twelve months. All nursing courses in the curriculum (61 credits) are delivered via a combination of distance technology and face-to-face clinical, laboratory, and simulation experiences already in place at the partnering site. System general education requirements, pre-nursing requirements, and free electives are completed as part of the student’s first baccalaureate degree and transferred into SDSU prior to beginning the accelerated program.

Requirements for Nursing Major - Accelerated Program

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

System General Education Requirements

- Goal #1 Written Communication: ENGL 101 and ENGL 201 Credits: 6
- Goal #2 Oral Communication: Credits: 3
- Goal #3 Social Sciences/Diversity: HDFS 210 and SOC 100 or SOC 150 or SOC 240 Credits: 6
- Goal #4 Arts and Humanities/Diversity: Credits: 6
- Goal #5 Mathematics: Credits:3
- Goal #6 Natural Sciences: CHEM 106-106L or CHEM 112-112L and CHEM 108-108L or CHEM 114-114L Credits: 8-9

Pre-Nursing Requirements

- BIOL 221-221L - Human Anatomy and Lab (COM) Credits: 4
- BIOL 325-325L - Physiology and Lab (COM) Credits: 4
- MICR 231-231L - General Microbiology and Lab (COM) [SGR #6] Credits: 4

- NURS 119 - First Year Seminar (COM) Credits: 2
- NUTR 315 - Human Nutrition (COM) Credits: 3
- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (COM) [SGR #3] Credits: 3

#### Major Requirements

- NURS 234 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts I Credits: 2-3 (3 credits required)
- NURS 235 - Clinical Application I Credits: 2
- NURS 258-258L - Nursing Principles and Application I: Assessment and Interventions and Lab Credits: 3
- NURS 272 - Professional Nursing Concepts I Credits: 2
- NURS 322 - Pharmacology Credits: 3
- NURS 323 - Introduction to Pathophysiology Credits: 3
- NURS 334 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts II Credits: 5
- NURS 335 - Clinical Application II Credits: 3-4 (3 credits required)
- NURS 344 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts III Credits: 5
- NURS 345 - Clinical Application III Credits: 3-4 (3 credits required)
- NURS 347 - Concepts Synthesis I Credits: 1
- NURS 358-358L - Nursing Principles and Applications II: Interventions and Lab Credits: 3
- NURS 360 - Research and Evidence-Based Practice Credits: 3
- NURS 372 - Professional Nursing Concepts II Credits: 2
- NURS 434 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts IV Credits: 4-5 (5 credits required)
- NURS 435 - Clinical Application IV Credits: 3-4 (4 credits required)
- NURS 437 - Concepts Synthesis II Credits: 1
- NURS 444-444L - Population-Centered Care and Lab Credits: 3
- NURS 472 - Professional Nursing Concepts III Credits: 3-5 (3 credits required)
- NURS 495 - Practicum Credits: 1-6 (4 credits required)

#### Electives

- Taken as needed to complete any additional degree requirements.

Total Required Credits: 120

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

Students engaged in the Nursing (B.S.N.) Accelerated program at Rapid City will have access to various support services and facilities throughout the academic program. SDSU does have academic advising personnel housed physically at both Rapid City Nursing site and at BHSU-Rapid City who will be available to assist them in pursuing their degree. Students will also have access to the support staff and services available at the off-campus centers or through Continuing and Distance Education at SDSU.

The South Dakota State University Hilton M. Briggs library has long served students engaged in coursework away from campus. This includes students enrolled at off-campus centers and online. Library support services will be available to students through a variety of means:

- Students can contact librarians for research assistance. The librarian provides online research guides and is available for consultations with faculty and students.
- Distance Library Services include book and article delivery for materials owned by the library. Students may request materials not held by the library through interlibrary loan.

- SDSU students have online access to research databases such as Web of Science, EBSCOhost MegaFILE, and JSTOR.

Students will have access to technical support provided by SDSU's Information Technology Services or onsite services. Finally, online tutoring support is available through Smarthinking (Pearson Education) and student services such as disability services accommodations will be available to students upon request.

**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).**

This program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The program will submit a substantive change notification to CCNE upon program initiation. There will be no increased cost for adding this existing program to an existing site.

**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.**

The College of Nursing does not request new state resources or new student fees to support delivery of the nursing accelerated program in Rapid City. Self-support tuition and discipline fees generated for this offering will adequately fund the program. Because all courses are already being delivered at the partnering sites at either Sioux Falls or Aberdeen, a budget is not provided. Growth (personnel) will be covered through state-support tuition and discipline fees. It is anticipated that revenue will be \$100,000- \$150,000 for 16 students (2 cohorts of 8) per year once the program is established. No additional costs or resources are required. Courses will be taught by the faculty at the College of Nursing partnering sites at either Aberdeen or Sioux Falls as part of their established accelerated program.