SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

New Site Request

UNIVERSITY:	**SDSU**
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	**Nursing (D.N.P.)** **(Post Master's to D.N.P. option)**
NEW SITE(S):	**Online**
INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	**2022-2023 Academic Year**
CIP CODE:	**51.3801**
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	**Nursing**
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	**SNUR**
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	**Nursing**
BANNER DIVISION CODE:	**3N**

☒ **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.

Barry H Dunn — 12/30/21

President of the University — 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 Nursing (D.N.P.) online. The program is open to registered nurses with a master's degree in nursing with certification as a CNP, CRNA, CNS, and CNM. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program was established in 2009 as a face-to-face program to prepare nurse practitioners. Currently, students attend one of two sites to participate in the lab portion of four classes in the plan of study with the remaining being completed online. Unfortunately, applications and enrollment have declined in part due to competition in online delivery of nurse practitioner programs. Online delivery is needed to increase the competitiveness of the program with other online programs and to recruit place-bound students both from the region and nationally. Increasing numbers of universities across the nation are offering nursing practitioner programs online and leveraging advances in technology and online teaching innovations to offer the same curriculum as campus programs.

Most nurse practitioner students are employed part-time or full-time and are often place bound due to proximity to family or other resources. Delivering the program online, with asynchronous and synchronous courses, will allow flexibility so students can complete the program while continuing to maintain employment and complete learning activities/course content at times that are convenient for them. The online approach to delivery is aligned with SDSU's commitment to excellence and access to affordable education and consistent with the university's land grant mission.

The University does not request new state resources to deliver the program online.

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

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.

The program is open to registered nurses with a master's degree in nursing with certification as a CNP, CRNA, CNS, and CNM. Students who enroll in the program will be new to the university. The online Nursing (D.N.P.) is expected to attract an average of 6 students per year.

	Fiscal Years*			
	1st	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**
Estimates	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
Students new to the university	6	6	6	6
Students from other university programs	0	0	0	0
=Total students in the program at the site	6	12	12	12
Program credit hours (major courses)**	54	156	156	156
Graduates	0	6	6	6

*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 impact on existing Regental programs is anticipated. Delivering the Nursing (D.N.P) is expected to enhance enrollment of students.

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.

Nursing (D.N.P.)	Credit hours	Credit hours currently available from this university online	Credit hours currently available from other universities available online	Credit hours currently available online	Credit hours new to this university
Post Master's to D.N.P. Option					
Core Requirements	31-36*	0	0	31-36*	0
Free Electives	0	0	0	0	0
Total, Degree with Proposed Major	31-36	0	0	31-36	0

*Students take 3-8 credits of NURS 875 DNP Intensive, depending on how many clinical hours they completed during their master's program.

Requirements for the Nursing (D.N.P.)

Post Master's to D.N.P. Option
For additional information, refer to the Graduate Nursing Department webpage.

- HSC 631 - Biostatistics I Credits: 3
- NURS 750 - Transformational Leadership in Nursing Credits: 3
- NURS 780 - Clinical Genetics and Genomics: Advanced Concepts Credits: 1
- NURS 781 - Clinical Epidemiology: Advanced Concepts Credits: 1
- NURS 835 - Ethical Issues Influencing Practice and Research in Health Credits: 2
- NURS 850 - Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Care Credits: 3
- NURS 855 - Translational Research in Health Care Credits: 3
- NURS 860 - Health Operations and Financial Management for Nurse Leaders Credits: 3
- NURS 875 - DNP Intensive Credits: 1-9 (3-8 credits required)
- NURS 880 - DNP Project (COM) Credits: 1-8 (8 credits required)
- PHA 738 - Health Informatics Credits: 1

Total Required Credits: 31-36 Credits

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

A faculty member will serve as the academic and dissertation advisor to students. Students will only be accepted if there is an advisor available. Faculty-student communication will be conducted using e-mail, phone, Zoom, and other technologies facilitating long-distance communication.

Library support services will be available to students through a variety of means:

- Students can contact librarians for research assistance and online research guides that are available for enrolled 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, PubMed, and JSTOR.
- Students in the College of Nursing also have access to the Wegner Health Sciences Library at the University of South Dakota.

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 College of Nursing D.N.P. program is accredited by the Collegiate Commission on Colleges of Nursing (CCNE). SDSU just completed the visit in early 2021 and are awaiting final documentation of approval.

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.

The College of Nursing does not request new state resources to delivery of the Nursing (D.N.P.) Post Master's to D.N.P. option online. Self-support tuition generated from the offerings will adequately fund the program. Because all courses are already being delivered, a budget is not provided. No additional costs or resources are required. Courses will be taught by the faculty at the College of Nursing from all campus sites.