

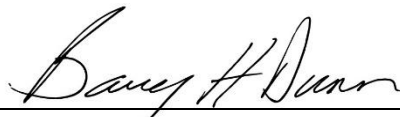


SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS
Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Nursing (M.S.) - Clinical Nurse Leader Specialization [SMS.NUR-CNL]
CIP CODE:	51.3801 – Major CIP; 51.3820 – Specialization CIP
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Nursing
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SNUR
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	College of Nursing
BANNER DIVISION CODE:	3N

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.



President of the University

1/29/24

Date

- 1. Program Degree Level:** Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral
- 2. Category:**¹ Certificate Specialization Minor Major
- 3. The program action proposed is:**² Inactive Status Termination
- 5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

A. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

The College of Nursing has requested authorization to offer a Clinical Nurse Leader specialization for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) due to changes in accreditation standards and national trends toward doctoral degrees. At the annual CNL Summit in February of 2023, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) identified

¹ Note: Certificates, specializations, and minors may only be terminated and not placed on inactive status due to limitations in the student information system.

² Note: An inactive program is a program a university has authority to offer, but the program is not admitting new students and has not formally terminated. A presumption exists that inactive status is a temporary status; universities review inactive programs periodically to determine the feasibility of reactivating or terminating the program. Programs can remain inactive for five (5) consecutive years at which time a university must terminate the program. A terminated program is a program for which a university ceases to have authority to offer. Reinstatement of a terminated program requires university and BOR approval through the prescribed new program approval processes.

the increasing need for the CNL to be prepared at the doctoral level.³ With the increased complexity of healthcare, a higher level of scientific knowledge, along with clinical expertise is required.⁴ In discussions and work groups at the meeting, the intent to establish a task force to work on the transition to a doctoral-level CNL was discussed. The CNL program at SDSU is currently delivered according to AACN's Essentials document and the AACN competencies for the CNL. As AACN changes these documents to reflect the competencies at the doctoral level, it will be necessary for SDSU to also transition to the DNP to meet new standards for the current CNL program. The Nursing (M.S.) – Clinical Nurse Leader Specialization will be terminated with approval of the new specialization.

This proposal is contingent upon approval of the Nursing (DNP) – Clinical Nurse Leader Specialization.

B. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

Current students will be allowed to complete their program. There are currently 3 students in the program; 2 plan to graduate spring 2024, 1 plans to graduate spring 2025. Courses in their plan of study will overlap with courses in the DNP- CNL plan of study so they will still exist for students to finish should they take longer to finish their program.

C. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

Fall 2025

D. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?

Fall 2025

E. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?

Summer 2031

F. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?

There are no cost savings from terminating the program as the College of Nursing will transition to the Nursing (DNP) – Clinical Nurse Leader Specialization.

G. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?

There are no employee terminations or other implications of this termination. Faculty will be used to teach in the Nursing (DNP) – Clinical Nurse Leader Specialization or other graduate programs.

³ American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN]. (2023a, February 23-25). *Round table discussion*. AACN CNL Summit, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

⁴ AACN. (2022). *AACN fact sheet- DNP*. Retrieved from <https://www.aacnursing.org/news-data/fact-sheets/dnp-fact-sheet>