



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

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:</b>	<b>Master of Science (M.S.)</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:</b>	<b>Agricultural Education</b>
<b>CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>13.1301</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>School of Education, Counseling &amp; Human Development</b>
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	<b>SECH</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:</b>	<b>College of Education &amp; Human Sciences</b>
<b>BANNER COLLEGE CODE:</b>	<b>3H</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.*

Dennis D. Hedge

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

4/24/2024

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name  | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification requiring Board of Regents approval        |  |

*Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee*

**2. Effective date of change: 2024-2025 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. Is the program being modified associated with a current articulation agreement?**

Yes  No

**a. If yes, will the articulation agreement need to be updated with the partner**

institution following the approve of the program change? Please explain:

**7. Primary Aspects of the Modification:**

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
AGED	650	Foundations of Agricultural Education	3	AGED	650	Foundations of Agricultural Education	3
EDER	610	Introduction to Research	3	EDER	610	Introduction to Research	3
EDER	614	Advanced Educational Research Design & Analysis	3	EDER	614	Advanced Educational Research Design & Analysis	3
EDFN	600	Advanced Pedagogy	3	EDFN	600	Educational Theory in Practice	3
EPSY	740	Advanced Educational Psychology	3	EPSY	740	Educational Psychology: Cognition, Learning and Applications	3
		Select <u>one</u> of the following options:				Select <u>one</u> of the following options:	
		<i>Option A -Thesis</i>				<i>Thesis</i>	
AGED	798	Thesis	5-7	AGED	798	Thesis	6
		Electives	8-10			Electives	9
		<i>Option B- Research/Design Paper</i>				<i>Option B – Research/Design Paper</i>	
EDER	788	Research Problems	3	EDER	788	Research Problems	3
		Electives	14			Electives	14
		<i>Option C – Coursework Only</i>				<i>Non-Thesis</i>	
		Electives	21			Electives	15
Total number of hours required for degree				Total number of hours required for degree			
		Option A	30			Thesis	30
		Option B	32			Non-Thesis	30
		Option C	36				

**8. Explanation of the Change:**

The SDSU Graduate School has revised SDSU Policy 2:17 Credit Requirements for Graduate Credential Programs. The Graduate School adjusted the language to no longer refer to master’s programs using Option A (Thesis Option), B (Research/Design Paper Option), C (Coursework Only), and D (Coursework Only – Professional Program) but to move forward with Thesis and Non-Thesis options that will require a minimum of 30 credits. The School of Education, Counseling and Human Development has merged Option B and Option C into the Non-Thesis option. Many graduate level teacher education programs require 30 minimum credits for degree completion. The School of Education, Counseling and Human Development has requested to change the non-thesis option from 32 credits (Option B) and 36 credits (Option C) to 30 credits. AGED 798 Thesis will require 6 credits. In addition, the school has requested course title changes for EDFN 600 Advanced Pedagogy and EDFN 740 Advanced Educational Psychology.