



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

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	Master of Science (M.S.)
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Nutrition & Exercise Sciences
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:	Nutritional Sciences
CIP CODE:	19.0504 – Major & Specialization CIP
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	School of Health & Consumer Sciences
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SHCS
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	College of Education & Human Sciences
BANNER COLLEGE CODE:	3H

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

3/28/2024

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

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 checked="" 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: N/A

7. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)</i>			
Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
EXS	750	Advanced Exercise Physiology	3	EXS	750	Advanced Exercise Physiology	3
HNS	708	Applied Research and Evidence Based Analysis	3	NUTR	708	Applied Research and Evidence Based Analysis	3
HNS	790	Seminar	1	HNS	790	Seminar	1
NUTR	725	Nutrition & Human Performance	3	NUTR	725	Nutrition & Human Performance	3
NUTR		Electives	9	NUTR		Electives	9
		Select one of the following options				Select one of the following options	
		<i>Option A-Thesis</i>				<i>Thesis</i>	
HNS	798	Thesis	5	HNS	798	Thesis	5-10
		Electives	8			Electives	1-6
		<i>Option B-Research/Design Paper</i>				<i>Non-Thesis</i>	
HNS	788	Research Problems/Projects	3	HNS	788	Research Problems/Projects	3
		Electives	10			Electives	8
		<i>Option C—Coursework only</i>				<i>Option C—Coursework only</i>	
HNS	796	Field Experience	3	HNS	796	Field Experience	3
		Electives	13			Electives	13
Total number of hours required for degree				Total number of hours required for degree			
		Option A	32			Thesis	30
		Option B	32			Non-Thesis	30
		Option C	35				

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 Health and Consumer Sciences has requested to change the thesis and non-thesis options for the Nutrition & Exercise Sciences (M.S.) - Nutritional Sciences Specialization and the Exercise Science Specialization from 32 credits (Options A and B) and 35 credits (Option C) to 30 credits. This change will enable the program to be more competitive amongst other similar programs in the nation while still fully meeting program learning outcomes. The range of thesis credits changed from 5 to 5-10 credits to allow for more flexibility and for more research intensive plans of study.

HNS 708 is cross-listed with NUTR 708. Students taking the Nutritional Sciences Specialization are advised to take NUTR 708.