




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

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Human Sciences (MS) - Family and Consumer Sciences Education Specialization [SMS.HMN-FCE]
CIP CODE:	19.0101 – Major CIP 13.1308 – Specialization CIP
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Education, Counseling & Human Development
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SECH
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	College of Education & Human Sciences
BANNER DIVISION 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.



President of the University

11/4/2024

Date

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

5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

The College of Education and Human Sciences requests to terminate the Human Sciences (M.S.) – Family and Consumer Sciences Education Specialization. The program was offered at SDSU in collaboration with the Innovative Digital Education Alliance (IDEA). IDEA is a consortium of public universities that offer collaborative online degree and certificate programs in human services and agriculture. This specialization enrolls a very small number of SDSU students. Nine degrees have been awarded since 2020-2021. The request to terminate the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Specialization is based on the low program enrollment and the resources would be better deployed elsewhere.

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

SDSU currently has four students enrolled in the Human Sciences (M.S.) – Family and Consumer Sciences Education Specialization. Of these, three students will complete their program at SDSU, while one has decided to transfer to another institution in the IDEA consortium. Two students are expected to graduate in spring 2026, and the remaining

student is expected to graduate in summer 2026.

Per the IDEA policy handbook, institutions must complete their teaching commitments or secure support for an alternative arrangement (e.g., courses they have promised to teach) for at least one year following the announcement of their intention to leave the program. SDSU will work with IDEA to form a transition team for the shift in teaching responsibilities.

- 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 2024
- 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 2024
- e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**
Summer 2026
- f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**
With termination of the Human Sciences (M.S.) – Family and Consumer Sciences Education Specialization, one tenured faculty member will have additional workload units available to dedicate to SDSU program classes. The potential cost savings for SDSU is over \$9,000 in adjunct costs to cover SDSU program classes this faculty member will now be able to teach. Additionally, the termination of the program will allow the faculty member to focus time and effort to recruit prospective students and support current SDSU students enrolled in the undergraduate Family and Consumer Science Education program.
- g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**
No employee terminations are necessary. Workload will be redirected to other programs in the school.