SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS
New Course Request

SDSU	Nursing
Institution	**Division/Department**

Dennis D. Hedge	11/19/2025
Institutional Approval Signature	**Date**

Section 1. Course Title and Description

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
HSC 411	Symptom Management in Serious Illness	3

Course Description

This course examines evidence-based approaches to symptom management for individuals with serious illness receiving palliative and hospice care. Emphasizing a holistic, patient-centered framework, learners will explore pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic strategies while working collaboratively across healthcare disciplines to enhance comfort, dignity, and quality of life.

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?
HSC 311	Introduction to Principles of Palliative Care	Pre-Req

Registration Restrictions

None

Section 2. Review of Course

2.1. Will this be a unique or common course?

[X] **Unique Course**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
NURS 468	Palliative Care Nursing	3
PHA 744	End of Life Care	1

Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses:
NURS 468 is focused on the RN role in palliative care nursing while the proposed course provides a more specific focus on symptom management in serious illness. PHA 744 is intended for graduate pharmacy students and looks at overall end of life care; the proposed course included any serious illness whether at end of life or not.

Section 3. Other Course Information

3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?

[X] No. Schedule Management.
Explanation: Workload is available. The course will be offered every spring initially with plans to expand offerings based on enrollment.

3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered (i.e., any current or pending majors, minors, certificates, etc.): Palliative Care Certificate

3.3. Proposed instructional method by university *(as defined by AAC Guideline 2.4.3.A)*: D - Discussion

3.4. Proposed delivery method by university *(as defined by AAC Guideline 2.4.3.B and 2.4.3.B(A-1))*:
015 - Online Asynchronous, 018 – Online Synchronous

3.5. Term change will be effective: Fall 2026

3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit? No

3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)? No
3.8. Will section enrollment be capped? Yes, max per section: 40
3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database? No
3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university? Yes

Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

4.1. University Department: Nursing
4.2. Banner Department Code: SNUR
4.3. Proposed CIP Code: 51.3819
Is this a new CIP code for the university? Yes

NEW COURSE REQUEST
Supporting Justification for On-Campus Review

Heidi Mennnega	Heidi Mennenga	10/20/2025
Request Originator	**Signature**	**Date**
Heidi Mennnega	Heidi Mennenga	10/20/2025
Department Chair	**Signature**	**Date**
Mary Anne Krogh	Mary Anne Krogh	10/20/2025
School/College Dean	**Signature**	**Date**

1. **Provide specific reasons for the proposal of this course and explain how the changes enhance the curriculum.**
   The proposed course is a requirement for the Palliative Care Certificate and can also be taken as an elective option. The course offers additional training in palliative care that may be of interest to students pursuing healthcare-related degrees. HSC 411 examines evidence-based approaches to symptom management for individuals with serious illness receiving palliative and hospice care.
2. **Note whether this course is:**
   [X] Required [ ] Elective
3. **In addition to the major/program in which this course is offered, what other majors/programs will be affected by this course?** None
4. **If this will be a dual listed course, indicate how the distinction between the two levels will be made.** N/A
5. **Desired section size** 40
6. **Provide qualifications of faculty who will teach this course. List name(s), rank(s), and degree(s).**
   Any faculty member is qualified to teach this course, however, preference will be given to those with certification in palliative care and/or clinical expertise in palliative care, such as:
   Samantha Fischbach, PhD, RN, Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse - Assistant Professor
   Sarah Mollman, PhD, RN, Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse - Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Research
7. **Note whether adequate facilities are available and list any special equipment needed for the course.**
   No special equipment is needed, and adequate facilities are available as the course will be offered online.
8. **Note whether adequate library and media support are available for the course.**
   There is adequate library and media support available.
9. **Will the new course duplicate courses currently being offered on this campus?** No

10. If this course may be offered for variable credit, explain how the amount of credit at each offering is to be determined. N/A