

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

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Post-Graduate Clinical Nurse Leader Certificate
CIP CODE:	51.3801
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Graduate Nursing
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Nursing

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

5/8/18

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in:

Total credits required within the discipline

Total credits of supportive course work

Change Admission Requirements:

Current:

GRE: Not required

TOEFL: Score of 600 paper-based, 100 Internet-based, OR

IELTS: 7.0 total band

In addition to meeting basic requirements for admission to the Graduate School, applicants for graduate study in nursing must have:

- Bachelor's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program with an upper division major in nursing with a "B" average (3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system).
- Master's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program with a "B" average (3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system).
- Current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the United States or its' territories prior to enrollment in first graduate nursing course.
- 1500 hours of documented nursing practice experience prior to first clinical lab or within first year of program.
- Completed approved statistical methods course within the past 5 years.
- Completed and verified application to the Graduate Nursing program via NursingCAS website.
- Compliance requirements: Background check, FBI rolled fingerprint, drug screen, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, ACLS certification for FNP specialization professional liability insurance, influenza vaccine, and TB test.
- Interview with graduate faculty for FNP specialization only.
- Completion of written response to questions regarding educational goals, scholarly practice interest and desired practice career.

Proposed:

GRE: Not required

TOEFL: Score of 600 paper-based, 100 Internet-based, OR

IELTS: 7.0 total band

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- Current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the United States or its' territories prior to enrollment in first graduate nursing course.
- 1500 hours of documented nursing practice experience prior to first clinical lab or within first year of program.
- ~~Completed approved statistical methods course within the past 5 years.~~
- Completed graduate level courses in Advanced Physical Assessment (Lifespan), Advanced Pathophysiology (Lifespan), Advanced Pharmacology / Pharmacotherapeutics (Lifespan) within the last 5 years.
- Completed and verified application to the Graduate Nursing program via NursingCAS website.
- Compliance requirements: Background check, FBI rolled fingerprint, drug screen, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, ACLS certification for FNP specialization, professional liability insurance, influenza vaccine, and TB test.
- Interview with graduate faculty for FNP specialization only.
- Completion of written response to questions regarding educational goals, scholarly practice interest and desired practice career.

7. Explanation of the Change:

The Post-Graduate Clinical Nurse Leader Certificate offers a streamlined avenue for students who already possess a master's degree in nursing but who are seeking additional specialization

as a Clinical Nurse Leader. The removal of NURS 675: *Cultural Competence in Healthcare* is removed to eliminate redundant content from a prior master's degree program. This change has reduced the certificate from 17 to 14 credit hours.

The admission requirements for the post-graduate certificate required two changes: 1) a prior statistics course in the last 5 years will no longer be required, and 2) the addition of a formal statement of prerequisite courses, Advanced Physical Assessment (Lifespan), Advanced Pathophysiology (Lifespan), Advanced Pharmacology / Pharmacotherapeutics (Lifespan).