

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS  
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**New Site Request**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate</b>
<b>NEW SITE(S):</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:</b>	<b>2019-2020 Academic Year</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>51.3817</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Graduate Nursing</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>Graduate School</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.*

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President of the University

5/13/2019

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Date

**1. What is the need for offering the program at the new physical site or through distance delivery?**

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to offer the Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate online. The Post-Graduate Nurse Educator certificate program prepares graduates to utilize theories of teaching and learning in a variety of settings with emphasis on nursing education. Graduates demonstrates the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate nursing education programs. Individuals who have earned a Master's in Nursing degree from SDSU or any other CCNE or NLNAC accredited nursing program are eligible to apply for the Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate program. Additionally, graduates may be eligible to earn National Certification as a Certified Nurse Educator.

The plan of study consists of online courses from the well-established Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator Specialization program, i.e., courses delivered entirely using the institutional delivery method code 018 (Internet Synchronous). This delivery method ensures flexible student accessibility given that graduate nursing students are employed at least half time and live in locations across the state, region and nation.

Faculty shortages and the related limiting effect on nursing program enrollment<sup>1</sup> underscore the need for streamlined pathways for achieving qualification as a nursing educator. The ongoing

need for nurse faculty will extend well into the next decade as the profession is currently experiencing a surge in retirement. In South Dakota and the surrounding region, the need for nurse educators exists at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

*Imagine 2023* strategic plan<sup>2</sup> has identified numerous goals and strategies that support delivery of an online certificate.

Achieve Excellence Through Transformative Education). Specifically, it will:

- 1b. Develop and grow high-quality and distinct academic programs designed to meet the needs of diverse students and market demands;
- 1c. Increase programs offered which use a diversity of delivery methods, times, (or scheduling) and locations.

SDSU will not require additional resources.

**2. Are any other Regental universities authorized to offer a similar program at the proposed site(s) or through distance delivery? If “yes,” identify the institutions and programs and explain why authorization is requested.**

No other Regental university offers a similar program.

**3. Are students enrolling in the program expected to be new to the university or redirected from other existing programs at the university? Complete the table below and explain the methodology used in developing the estimates (*tgrneg'öZZö'lp'yj g'k'dig'y kj 'the appropriate year*).**

SDSU anticipates students enrolling in the Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate may have been College of Nursing undergraduates or MS students, however, some may be entirely new to the University. As seen in the table below, the certificate is expected to attract 2-4 students per year through online delivery.

students in sequential coursework. The certificate is intended for individuals already in the workforce to receive new or updated training. As an example, a SDSU Clinical Nurse Leader graduate has returned for the nurse educator certificate at the request of his employer who has added teaching components to the job description.

*Estimates*

Fiscal Years*			
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23



