



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE :	DNP
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Nursing
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION :	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialization
CIP CODE:	51.38016 Major CIP 51.38106 Specialization CIP

- CIP Code Other: Admission Requirements
 Modification requiring Board of Regents Approval

Master's Doctoral

4. Category:

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

a. If yes, will the articulation agreement need to be updated with the partner institution following the approve of the program change? Please explain:

7. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

Existing Curriculum				Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
HSC	631	Biostatistics I	3	HSC	631	Biostatistics I	3
NURS	732	Psychopharmacology and Neurobiology Across the Lifespan	2	NURS	732	Psychopharmacology and Neurobiology Across the Lifespan	2
NURS	733	Psychopathological Disorders Across the Lifespan	3	NURS	733	Psychopathological Disorders Across the Lifespan	2
NURS	734	Theories and Interventions for Individuals and Groups	2	NURS	734	Theories and Interventions for Individuals and Groups	2
				NURS	734L	Theories and Interventions for Individuals and Groups Practicum	1
NURS	735	Advanced Psychiatric Assessment & Differential Diagnosis Across the Lifespan	2	NURS	735	Advanced Psychiatric Assessment & Differential Diagnosis Across the Lifespan	2
NURS	750	Transformational Leadership in Nursing	3	NURS	750	Transformational Leadership in Nursing	3
NURS	780	Clinical Genetics and Genomics: Advanced Concepts	1	NURS	780		

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GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system.

- ◁ A degree deemed equivalent (by the World Education Service) to a Master's degree in nursing (within the United States Education System) with a minimum cumulative preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system.

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In addition to meeting the Graduate School admission requirements, applicants for graduate study for the Bachelor's to Doctor of Nursing Practice - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialization must have:

- ◁ 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 taking NURS 631/631L.
- ◁ Completed and verified application to the Graduate Nursing program via NursingCAS website.
- ◁ Interview assessment reviewed by graduate faculty.
- ◁ Completed Compliance requirements: Clear Background check, clear FBI rolled fingerprint, clear drug screen, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, ACLS certification for FNP specialization, professional liability insurance, influenza vaccine, and TB test.

For applicants who completed their higher education within the United States:

- ◁ Bachelor's degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program with a minimum cumulative preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system.

For applicants who completed their higher education outside the United States:

clear drug screen, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, ACLS certification for FNP specialization, professional liability insurance, influenza vaccine, and TB test.

For applicants who completed their higher education within the United States:

- < Bachelor's degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program with a minimum cumulative preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system.
- < Master's degree in nursing (from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program) with a minimum cumulative preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system.

For applicants who completed their higher education outside the United States:

- < A degree deemed equivalent (by the World Education Service) to a Bachelor's degree in nursing (within the United States Education System) with a minimum cumulative preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system.
- < A degree deemed equivalent (by the World Education Service) to a Master's degree in nursing (within the United States Education System) with a minimum cumulative preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point grading system.

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In addition to meeting the Graduate School admission requirements, applicants for graduate study for the Bachelor's to Doctor of Nursing Practice - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialization must have:

- < Current, **unencumbered** 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 taking **Advanced Physical Assessment (Lifespan)**.**
- < Completed and verified application to the Graduate Nursing program via NursingCAS website.
- < Interview assessment reviewed by graduate faculty.
- < Completed Compliance requirements: Clear Background check, clear FBI rolled fingerprint, clear drug screen, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, ACLS certification for FNP specialization, professional liability insurance, influenza vaccine, and TB test.

For applicants who completed their higher education within the United States:

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8. Explanation of the Change:

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing recently updated the standards for nursing education. These standards were adopted by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which accredits SDSU College of Nursing programs, including the DNP. The DNP program was updated to reflect the new accreditation standards and requirements, including meeting the requirements for clinical hours. The number of clinical hours and, therefore, credit hours were increased to meet accreditation requirements. The College of Nursing identified the following changes:

