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Substantive Program Modification Form

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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.
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			

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 Post Graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification program. The 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:

NURS 733 Psychopathological Disorders Across the Lifespan reduced from 3 to 2 credits. The content of the course was adjusted due to certification requirements.

NURS 734 was modified to separate out NURS 734 for didactic content and NURS 734L for the practicum experience. This change will provide clarity for students when registering and workload allocation.

NURS 736 Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Across the Lifespan increased from 4 to 5 credits to accommodate the increased number of clinical hours required for accreditation.