

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – B

DATE: September 1-2, 2020

SUBJECT

Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – USD

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[AAC Guideline 2.12](#) – Programs on Inactive Status

[AAC Guideline 2.13](#) – Program Termination

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The University of South Dakota has submitted a request asking that the following program be inactivated (see Attachment I).

- Degree Program: Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
Justification: With the continued low enrollment numbers, it is no longer financially viable to continue this program. We want to put the program on inactive status to have the opportunity to continue to assess the prospects of re-opening the program if interest would increase in the future.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – USD Program Inactivation Request

DRAFT MOTION

Approve USD’s requests to inactivate the Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program, as presented.



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

**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) [Program coding UOTD.OT.MS]
CIP CODE:	51.2306
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Occupational Therapy
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	School of Health Science-2H

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.

President of the University

Date

1. Program Degree Level:

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

2. Category:¹

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is:²

Inactive Status Termination
See question 4 See questions 5 and 6

4. INACTIVE STATUS

A. Provide a justification for inactivating the program:

The Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy program admitted its first cohort of students in the Fall of 2017. There are currently 5 students in the cohort who started the program in Fall of 2019. There are 2 applications currently pending for admission into the program for the Fall of 2020 cohort. With the continued low enrollment numbers, it is no longer financially viable to continue this program. We want to put the program on inactive status to have the opportunity to continue to assess the prospects of re-opening the program if interest would increase in the future.

¹ Note: Certificates, specializations, and minors may only be terminated and not placed on inactive status due to limitations in Colleague. [No longer the rule with Banner 2020.01.28 Tammy Leitru]

² Note: An inactive program is a program a university has authority to offer, but the program is not admitting new students and has not formally terminated. A presumption exists that inactive status is a temporary status; universities review inactive programs periodically to determine the feasibility of reactivating or terminating the program. Programs can remain inactive for five (5) consecutive years at which time a university must terminate the program. A terminated program is a program for which a university ceases to have authority to offer. Reinstatement of a terminated program requires university and BOR approval through the prescribed new program approval processes.

B. If there are current students in the program, what are the implications of placing the program on inactive status?

The current students enrolled will be taught out with an expected graduation date of May 2021. If enrollment is high enough to admit a cohort for Fall 2020, those students will also be taught out with expected graduation of May 2022.

C. What is the last date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate in the program:

August 2022

D. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) inactive status takes effect (the proposed date for inactive status is also the last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

July 1, 2020 begins the 5 year inactivation period