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## **SDSU Gains Approval for New Graduate Degree**

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents this week granted South Dakota State University approval to offer a new master’s degree designed to help organizations manage workforce planning and leadership development.

The M.S. degree in industrial/organizational psychology is a unique sub-discipline of psychology that applies research to improve the well-being and performance of employees and their organizations. This field of specialization is identified as one of the fastest-growing occupations across the country. SDSU officials said demand for this degree comes from people currently employed in South Dakota as training and development specialists and management analysts.

This program will be offered starting in the fall 2016 semester. After it is fully operational, SDSU plans to graduate about nine students from this graduate degree program each year.