

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 8 – F (3)**  
**DATE: June 22-23, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**New Site – USD – Minor in Addiction Counseling & Prevention (Online)**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – Program and Curriculum Approval

[BOR Policy 2:12](#) – Distance Education

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The University of South Dakota (USD) requests approval to offer the minor in Addiction Counseling & Prevention online. A Fall 2021 audit of the program identified that there is a path for online completion of the Minor. To keep in compliance, USD is seeking official approve to add the online site for this program.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

USD anticipates 5 online enrollments and 2 graduates after four years of the program being online. The university requests no new resources.

Board office staff recommends approval to offer the certificate online.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – New Site Request: USD – Minor in Addiction Counseling & Prevention

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**DRAFT MOTION 20220622\_8-F(3):**

I move to approve USD’s new site proposal to offer the minor in Addiction Counseling & Prevention online.



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

**New Site Request**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Minor in Addiction Counseling &amp; Prevention</b>
<b>NEW SITE(S):</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>51.1501</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Addiction Counseling &amp; Prevention</b>
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	<b>UADS</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>School of Health Sciences</b>
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	<b>2H</b>

<b>X</b>	<p><b>Please check this box to confirm that (place an “X” in the left box):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The individual preparing this request has read <a href="#">AAC Guideline 2:11</a>, which pertains to new site requests, and that this request meets the requirements outlined in the guidelines.</li> <li>This request will not be posted to the university website for review of the Academic Affairs Committee until it is approved by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.</li> </ul>
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**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

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Date

Note: In the responses below, references to external sources, including data sources, should be documented with a footnote (including web addresses where applicable).

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

In Fall 2021 an audit of the program identified a path for online completion of the Minor in Addiction Counseling & Prevention. To keep in compliance, we are seeking approval to add the online site for this program.

**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.**

There are no other Regental universities authorized to offer this ACP online minor degree.

**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.**

Students have been enrolling in the ACP online minor degree since 2007 and there has been a steady increase in enrollment over the years. Since 2014, the department has seen a 50% or greater increase in enrollment in the ACP minor degree. It is believed this is due to increase in marketing and workforce demands in addiction counselors stemming from the current opioid crisis where the CDC, National Center for Health Statistics, reported over 100,000 overdose deaths in 2021.

Currently in FY22, the ACP program has 81 students enrolled from various on-campus departments pursuing the ACP minor degree with 73 or more of these students taking a combination of both online and f2f ACP courses. In addition, there are 8 students who are taking only online courses to complete their ACP minor degree, therefore justifying the need to continue offering the degree online to avoid disrupting these student’s career plans and graduation timeframes.

The ACP department continues to expect the trend for the online ACP minor degree to increase for various reasons. Overall, with the recent COVID 19 pandemic, the department has seen many students switch from f2f to online courses mostly likely stemming from the fear of acquiring a virus in a classroom setting. In addition, with the increase in the cost of living especially transportation, students are becoming more financially prudent and limiting the number of f2f courses as well as having more flexibility in their family and work schedule with online degree offerings.

	Fiscal Years*			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Estimates</i>	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
New online students to the university	2	3	4	5
Students on campus	78	79	80	81
Students from other university programs	0	0	0	0
=Total students in the program at the site	80	82	84	86
Graduates on campus	20	21	22	23
Online Graduates	0	0	0	2

\*Do not include current fiscal year.

**4. What is the perceived impact of this request on existing programs in the Regental system?**

There is no perceived impact regarding any existing programs in the Regental System since the ACP minor degree has been available for students since 2007.

**5. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog. If there are corresponding program modifications requested, please attach the associated form. Explain the delivery of the new courses and attach any associated new course request forms.**

<b>Minor in Addiction Counseling &amp; Prevention</b>	Credit hours	Credit hours currently available from this university at this site	Credit hours currently available from other universities available at this site	Credit hours currently available via distance	Credit hours new to this university
System General Education Requirements					
<i>Subtotal, Degree Requirements</i>					
Required Support Courses					
Major Requirements					
Major Electives or Minor	18	42	0	42	0
<i>Subtotal, Requirements of the Proposed Major</i>					
Free Electives					
<i>Total, Degree with Proposed Major</i>					

\*If the major will be available in more than one degree (e.g., BA, BS, BS Ed) at the new site(s) and the number or distribution of credits will vary with the degree, provide a separate table for each degree.

### **Core Requirements**

#### **18 Credit Hours Required**

All ACP minors must complete the five required courses and one elective with a minimum grade of "C."

#### **Departmental Requirements (15 hours)**

- ACP 116 - Study of Alcohol Use & Addiction
- ACP 117 - Study of Drug Use & Addiction
- ACP 220 - Fundamental Skills of Individual Counseling for Addiction
- ACP 222 - Fundamental Skills of Group Counseling for Addiction
- ACP 315 - Ethical and Legal Issues in the Addiction Profession

#### **Departmental Electives (3 hours)**

- Any ACP course with the exceptions of ACP 391, ACP 417L, ACP 418L and ACP 496.
- ACP 292 - Topics (C)
- ACP 320 - Adolescence and Substance Use & Addiction
- ACP 410 - Addictive Family Systems & Family Counseling
- ACP 412 - Substance Use and Addiction in Diverse Populations
- ACP 420 - Comprehensive Substance Use and Addiction Education
- ACP 421 - Foundations of Substance Use and Addiction Prevention
- ACP 422L - Substance Use and Addiction Treatment Continuum
- ACP 424 - Psychopharmacology of Addiction
- ACP 426 - Theory & Practice of Substance Use and Addiction Prevention in Communities
- ACP 428 - Gambling and Process Addiction
- ACP 452 - Addiction and Substance Use Counseling Theories
- ACP 460 - Co-Occurring Trauma and Addiction
- ACP 470 - Rural Telehealth
- ACP 492 - Special Topics in Substance Use and Addiction (C)

### **6. How will the university provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?**

The student services available will be the same that are offered to the students who are currently pursuing an online BS degree in ACP which was implemented in 2006.

**7. Is this program accredited by a specialized accrediting body? If so, address any program accreditation issues and costs related to offering the program at the new site(s).**

Yes, the ACP program is accredited by the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission. There are no accreditation issues since the ACP Department already offers a f2f on campus ACP minor degree and the accreditation body does not distinguish between distance or on-campus degrees.

**8. Does the university request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy.**

None.

**9. Cost, Budget, and Resources related to new courses at the site: Explain the amount and source(s) of any one-time and continuing investments in personnel, professional development, release time, time redirected from other assignments, instructional technology & software, other operations and maintenance, facilities, etc., needed to implement the proposed minor. Complete Appendix B – Budget using the system form.**

Since all of the ACP courses needed for the online minor degree delivery have been developed and offered as part of the online ACP bachelor's degree, there are no additional cost in offering this minor degree and therefore no budget is being proposed.

**10. Additional Information:**

There is ample justification to keep the ACP online minor degree in place and the following points should be considered;

- 1) There are currently 8 students enrolled in the ACP minor degree with online courses and to discontinue this degree presently would be disruptive to these students' educational pursuits.
- 2) These same students have already made a financial investment into their education pursuing the online ACP minor degree and for them to lose this opportunity now may create additional costs having to choose another online minor.
- 3) Since the ACP minor degree has been available since 2007 and all courses have already been developed with offerings online, there is no additional cost for the department or university to continue offering this degree.
- 4) As the trend for students seeking more online degrees increases due to convenience and flexibility, the availability of the ACP online minor degree prevents students from enrolling in other out of state universities to receive their degree.
- 5) In order to meet the challenges of the state shortage of addiction counseling professionals, there needs to be multiple pathways for students to acquire a minor in Addiction Counseling and Prevention and presently the online minor degree is helping to expand these pathways