SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENT

Full Board

AGENDA ITEM: 14 – A

DATE: December 12-13, 2012

SUBJECT: New Site Request: SDSU Ph.D. in Nursing, Aberdeen, Rapid City, Sioux Falls

South Dakota State University requests authorization to offer the Ph.D. in Nursing in Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls. The Ph.D. in Nursing was approved by the South Dakota Board of Regents in December 2004 (Minutes, pp. 3410, 3414, 4126-4168). This request is in response to the need for additional Registered Nurses (RNs) who are prepared as nurse faculty and nurse scientists. The program’s graduates are teaching in nursing programs in South Dakota and other states (listed in the request).

Offering the program in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, and Aberdeen will provide Registered Nurses who cannot relocate or commute to Brookings with the opportunity to prepare for teaching positions.

Offering the Ph.D. in Nursing off-campus supports the system strategic goals and the Governor’s workforce initiatives (healthcare workforce). The program prepares RNs for faculty positions needed to maintain and expand the capacity of RN programs.

Off-campus delivery will be supported with self-support tuition revenue. SDSU does not request new State resources.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize South Dakota State University to deliver the Ph.D. in Nursing in Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls as described in Attachment I.
South Dakota Board of Regents
New Site: Request to Offer an Existing Degree Program

Use this form to request authorization to deliver an existing degree program at a new site or by distance delivery. The Executive Director or the Board may request additional information.

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<th>University</th>
<th>South Dakota State University</th>
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<td>Degree(s) and Program</td>
<td>PhD in Nursing</td>
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<td>New Site(s)</td>
<td>Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Aberdeen</td>
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<td>Proposed Implementation (term)</td>
<td>Fall 2013</td>
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University Approval
To the Board and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this request, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.

[Signature]
President of the University

Date

After approval by the President, a signed copy of the proposal should be transmitted to the Executive Director. Only after Executive Director review should the proposal be posted on the university web site and the Board staff and the other universities notified of the URL.

1. What is the need for this program in this site (these sites)? What is the expected demand for graduates in the site(s)?

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to offer the Ph.D. in Nursing in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Aberdeen. This request is in response to the need for additional Registered Nurses (RNs) who are prepared as nurse faculty and nurse scientists. The Ph.D. in Nursing was approved by the South Dakota Board of Regents in December 2004 (Minutes, pp. 3410, 3414, 4126-4168).

Offering the program in Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Aberdeen will provide access to potential students who live a distance from Brookings.

SDSU Nursing Ph.D. graduates are qualified to teach in undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Off-campus delivery will increase the number of nursing faculty available for South Dakota’s nursing programs. The South Dakota Board of Nursing reported in 2011 that 42% of the nursing faculty members were over 50 years of age from a total number 435. Of these 435 faculty members, those who hold doctorates number 30 who are greater than 51 years of age. Only 5 faculty members younger than 50 years of age, hold doctorates (SD BON Workforce Supply, 2011, p. 27). It is essential to increase the number of faculty members with doctorates to sustain accreditation requirements for current programs and have the ability to increase RN program capacity to meet future needs.

Off-campus delivery will be funded with self-support tuition revenue. The University does not request new State resources.
The SDSU Nursing Ph.D. program has graduated eight students since its inception in 2005. The graduates have obtained positions as nursing faculty members in South Dakota (N=5) and in other States (N=3). The following lists their current position.

- 2008: Condon, Barbara; Associate Professor of Nursing, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, IA
- 2009: Britson, Victoria: Assistant Professor of Nursing, Program Director, National American University, Sioux Falls.
- 2009: Reding, Noreen: Assistant Professor of Nursing, Program Director, National American University, Bloomington, MN.
- 2010: Burdette, Linda: Assistant Professor of Nursing, SDSU, Brookings & Aberdeen.
- 2011: Krogh, Mary Anne: Associate Director, Mt. Marty School of Anesthesia, Sioux Falls, SD
- 2011: Peterson-Lund, Robin: Assistant Professor of Nursing, SDSU, Rapid City
- 2012: Thompson, Shila: Assistant Professor of Nursing, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND
- 2012: Kertz, Nancy: Associate Professor of Nursing, USD, Sioux Falls, SD

There are 28 current PhD students. Nine of these students are currently teaching in South Dakota Nursing Schools. Four hold hospital nurse administrator positions. The remaining 15 are faculty members in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa.

The new site request supports the system strategic goals (Policy 1:21) and State initiatives:
- Expand graduate education: More registered nurses will be able to complete the Ph.D. while continuing to work and live in communities across the State.
- Workforce development: Off-campus and online delivery will allow nursing faculty to earn a terminal degree and will allow RNs to prepare for a teaching career.
- South Dakota Workforce Initiatives (SD WINS): The Governor’s workforce initiatives include promoting rural healthcare occupations. SDSU Ph.D. graduates will teach the next generation of nurses.

2. Is any regental university authorized to offer a similar program at the new site(s)? Is any non-system institution offering a similar program at the new site(s)? If either answer is “yes,” identify the institution(s) and program(s) and explain why authorization is requested.

SDSU has the only Ph.D. in Nursing program in the system.

3. Are students expected to be new to the university or redirected from other programs or both? Complete the table and explain how the estimates were developed. How will the new site(s) affect enrollments in other campus and off-campus programs in the regental system?

SDSU anticipates that all Ph.D. in Nursing students will be new to the University. The University does not expect students enrolled in its other Ph.D. programs to transfer into the Ph.D. in Nursing.
Students who enter with an M.S. in Nursing can complete the required 60 credit hours in three fiscal years. Students take 20 credits per year when enrolled full time. Students are admitted into the program every other fall in odd years (2013, 2015, etc.)

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<tr>
<th>Ph.D. in Nursing Estimated Enrollments &amp; Graduates at the New Sites (New Students at the Sites Only)#</th>
<th>Cr hrs/student/ FY</th>
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<th>2nd Fall 2014</th>
<th>3rd Fall 2015</th>
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* This is the total number of credit hours generated by the majors in the required or elective program courses. The same numbers are used in Appendix B – Budget.

# The table includes only new students admitted to the three new sites. Some current students may choose to enroll in courses offered closer to home.

The estimated distribution of new students by site is provided in the next table.

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<th>Site</th>
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**Impact on Existing Programs**

The goal will be to reach out to include more rural South Dakota RNs who hold a B.S. or M.S. in Nursing and are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Nursing who cannot currently access the program, thus there will be little impact on the existing program.

4. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog. If any program modifications are requested, attach that form. Explain how the new courses will be delivered. Attach the new course request forms.

The required courses from the *SDSU Graduate Catalog 2012-2013* are provided in Appendix A.
Nursing courses are delivered face-to-face one week per month (Friday and Saturday) via the Executive Weekend Model, enhanced with web-based instruction. Courses are offered fall, spring and summer semesters. Selected nursing and elective courses are available in summer semesters.

All courses will be provided by SDSU. No other system university offers doctoral courses in Nursing.

5. How will you provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?

Student Services: The Brookings campus personnel will continue to provide student services for financial aid, academic advising, and other services. This process for students who currently commute into the Executive Weekend classes works very smoothly.

Library Access and Services: Distance librarians from Briggs Library will provide materials to students through its distance library services as needed. SDSU students in online classes will have access to electronic databases available through Briggs Library. A distance access librarian is also available to these students. The Wegner Health Science Information Center in Sioux Falls is available to Ph.D. students through electronic databases for research-based publications.

Disability services: Accommodations will be available to students upon request.

Faculty advising and dissertation supervision: SDSU has Ph.D. nursing faculty in Aberdeen (2), Rapid City (5), Sioux Falls (4) and Brookings (6).

Addresses of the off-campus sites
- Aberdeen, SD 57401; Mewaldt-Jensen Hall; 1200 S. Jay St.
- Rapid City, SD 57701; 1011 11th St.
- Sioux Falls, SD 57107; 2300 North Career Avenue; Suite 260

6. 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).

There is no specific program accreditation for Ph.D. in Nursing programs.

7. Does the University request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy. If no exceptions are requested, enter “None.”

None
8. Costs, Budget & 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, instructional technology and software, other O&M, facilities, student services, etc needed to implement the program at the new site(s). Complete Appendix B – Budget using the system form.

The program requires 60 credits if the student enters with an M.S. in Nursing. All courses within the 60 credits have been developed and taught since fall 2005 so a budget is not provided. There are no course re-design expenses to offer the courses at these sites.

Routine revisions and updating of the Ph.D. curriculum are on a planned cycle. Off-campus delivery will be supported with self-support tuition revenue. The University does not request new State resources.
Appendix A

Ph.D. in Nursing, Required Courses
SDSU Graduate Catalog 2012-2013

These are the required courses for a student who enters with an M.S. in Nursing:

NURS 810: Doctoral Seminar (3 credits)
NURS 815: Philosophical Basis for Nursing Inquiry (3 credits)
NURS 820: Theory Development in Nursing (3 credits)
NURS 825: Qualitative Research Methods in Nursing (3 credits)
NURS 830: Quantitative Methods in Nursing (3 credits)
NURS 835: Ethical Issues Influencing Practice & Research in Health Disciplines (3 credits)
NURS 840: Health Promotion Theory and Research in Underserved Populations (3 credits)
NURS 845: Instrument Construction and Evaluation with Underserved Populations (3 credits)
NURS 890: Research Practicum (1-3 credits)
NURS 898: Dissertation (18-21 credits)
Statistics & Research Methods Coursework: (9 credits)
Electives: (3-9 credits)

* Minimum of 60 credits to graduate

Course Delivery Methods

Nursing courses are delivered face-to-face one week per month (Friday and Saturday) via the Executive Weekend Model, enhanced with web-based instruction. Courses are offered fall, spring and summer semesters. Selected nursing and elective courses are available in summer semesters.