

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In 2003, the University of South Dakota (USD) was granted approval to deliver its Associate of Science in Nursing degree to employees of healthcare organizations whose employers had established a contract with the University for nursing education. The Distance Program was developed to assist employers to “grow” Registered Nurses from currently employed Certified Nursing Assistants, LPNs, and other staff members who demonstrate interest in pursuing nursing as a career. The Distance Program assists the employer to retain valuable employees and to promote educational opportunities for personal and professional development. Employers seeking a contractual arrangement should contact the USD Distance Nursing Program by e-mailing USD-DistanceNursing@usd.edu or by calling 605-677-6224 for more information.

Effective July 1, 2012, the Associate of Science degree in Nursing is available to LPN’s in the Watertown, SD area, and other non-licensed individuals in the Aberdeen, SD, area. Interested persons should email USD-DistanceNursing@usd.edu or calling 605-882-5284, ext. 282 (Northeast SD area) for more information.

Students are able to participate in general education courses and required support courses online. Theory portions of the nursing courses are delivered online while clinical learning experiences are arranged in centralized geographic locations with cohort student groups. Upon completion of 65 credit hours of general and required support courses and the clinical nursing courses, students are awarded an Associate Degree in Nursing from The University of South Dakota. Graduates are eligible for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam for Registered Nurse.

TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit www.usd.edu/cde or contact the Distance Nursing Office:

University of South Dakota
Department of Nursing-Distance
414 East Clark Street
Julian Hall 315
Vermillion, SD 57069
E-Mail: USD-DistanceNursing@usd.edu
605-677-6224

GETTING STARTED

1) To apply for admission to the University of South Dakota visit admissions.usd.edu and apply using regular undergraduate procedures.

Please Note: On the application, indicate that you will study online.

2) You will receive notification of acceptance or denial via letter.

3) When accepted, contact the Distance Nursing Program Office at 605-677-6224.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for the Nursing program, you must be accepted to USD for fall admission.

Admission will be based on an objective evaluation including the following:

- ACT/SAT score
- High school and post-high academic record
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.7 or above (on a 4.0 scale)
- Assessment tests
- Work experience in the health field
- References
- Final Admissions Criteria

For more information, please contact USD-DistanceNursing@usd.edu or call 605-624-6224.

NURSING APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Fall Semester: **February 1**



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED SUPPORT COURSES (30 CREDIT HOURS)

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
CHEM 106	Chemistry Survey with Lab (4 cr)	Online	Every Semester
ENGL 101	Composition (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
PHGY 220*	Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4 cr)	Online	Every Semester
PHGY 230**	Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (4 cr)	Online	Every Semester
PSYC 101	General Psychology (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
MATH 102***	College Algebra (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
MICRO 230	Microbiology (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester

Please Note: Courses must be taken in the following sequence: CHEM 106, PHGY 220 & PHGY 230.

* Must be taken prior to or concurrent with Nursing 206.

** Must be take prior to or concurrent with Nursing 261.

*** Must be taken prior to or concurrent with Nursing 282.

REQUIRED NURSING COURSES (35 CREDIT HOURS): Courses are taken in 4 sequential semesters.

Course/No.	Course Title	Rotation
NURS 204	Strategies for Nursing Success (1st semester) (1 cr)	Every Fall
NURS 206	Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts (1st semester) (8 cr)	Every Fall
NURS 261	Advanced Nursing Concepts I (2nd semester) (9 cr)	Every Spring
NURS 282	Advanced Nursing Concepts II (3rd semester) (8 cr)	Every Fall
NURS 286	Complex Nursing Concepts (4th semester) (9 cr)	Every Spring

Please Note: Nursing courses must be completed within five years from the time the student enrolls in the first clinical nursing course.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM TOTAL: 65 CREDIT HOURS

***If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172
E-mail: disabilityservices@usd.edu**