



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**  
**Program Termination or**  
**Placement on Inactive Status**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	USD
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	Transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy (U.TDPT.PHTH)
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	51.2308
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	Physical Therapy (UPHTH)
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	School of Health Sciences (UHS)

**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

**1. Program Degree Level:**

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**2. Category:<sup>1</sup>**

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**3. The program action proposed is:<sup>2</sup>**

Inactive Status  Termination   
*See question 4* *See questions 5 and 6*

**5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

- a. **Provide a justification for terminating the program:** The program was established to elevate the degree status of currently practicing clinicians with certificate, Bachelor, or master's level degrees, in support of the American Physical Therapy Associations 2020 Vision statement, which aimed to prepare clinicians with doctoral level training for greater autonomy in practice. Today, the greater majority of clinicians now have DPT degrees, whether clinical entry level or transitional. The demand for this type of program is limited, and, given the currently enrolled cohort will graduate in May 2020, the program has served its purpose in supporting the professional organization's goals for 2020.

<sup>1</sup> Note: Certificates, specializations, and minors may only be terminated and not placed on inactive status due to limitations in Colleague.

<sup>2</sup> 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. **What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?** All currently enrolled students (cohort model) will complete their programming in 2020. Students who need accommodations (including a leave of absence) to complete their coursework will receive support on an individual basis. The final matriculated cohort currently includes 11 students. It is expected that all students will graduate together in 2020, barring no unexpected difficulties. Should an individual exception be necessary, options exist for offering incomplete grades and decelerating coursework across terms.
- c. **What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?** 08/20/18
- d. **What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?** 08/20/18
- e. **What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?** May 2021, should a student require a decelerated plan; it is expected that all students currently enrolled in the program will graduate in May 2020.
- f. **What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?** The program has been operating at a deficit absorbed by the School of Health Sciences.
- g. **What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?** The program has been taught by adjunct on a contract basis and within workload by core faculty within the Department of Physical Therapy or Basic Biomedical Science (e.g., pharmacology). There will be no employee terminations or impact on other programs.