



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

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pierre, SD site only 925 E. Sioux Ave Pierre, SD
CIP CODE:	51.3801
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Nursing
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	School of Health Sciences

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.

President of the University _____
Date

1. Program Degree Level:

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

2. Category:¹

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is:²

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

4. INACTIVE STATUS

A. Provide a justification for inactivating the program:

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in Pierre SD has been unable to recruit enough students to sustain the program. Having a pool of qualified applicants continues to be a challenge. With Lake Area Technical College's (LATI) proposal to start a Licensed Practical Nursing Program and an Associate Degree program, the already small applicant pool will become even smaller and it will be difficult to sustain the program. Therefore, we are moving forward with a request to put the nursing program in Pierre on an inactive status.

¹ Note: Certificates, specializations, and minors may only be terminated and not placed on inactive status due to limitations in Colleague.
² 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.

Over the last three years, many collaborative efforts, including community and practice partners were put in place to boost recruitment and retention.

This included the following:

- A Partnership with the Matson Halverson Christiansen Hamilton Foundation, which facilitated multiple recruitment and marketing events and supported student scholarships. The MHCH currently offers 15K to students who stay in Pierre to practice.
- Avera Scholarships are currently available for students who choose to commit to working in Pierre.
- Chris Maxwell (Capital University Director) working with local landlords to explore the possibility to dedicating space for nursing students at a reduced rate and to add housing to subsidy and scholarship to the package.
- Several recruitment events with advertisement took place in collaboration and support from the Pierre Capital Journal.
- Offering the Pierre site as an alternative to students on the waiting list at the Vermillion site with Avera offering scholarships and guaranteed employment upon graduation.

Despite the above efforts, the student enrollment did not increase enough to keep the program viable or be financially sound.

B. If there are current students in the program, what are the implications of placing the program on inactive status?

All students currently enrolled in the BSN program at the Pierre site will continue their nursing courses and will be able to complete their plan of study to their expected graduation dates of May 2020 and May 2021. Students will continue to work with advisors to complete their plan of study.

In accordance with our current policies if a student does not maintain continuous enrollment, or has withdrawn, dropped, or failed with less than a C grade in any of the nursing courses during the remainder of their program, the student will be encouraged to apply to the other USD sites which include Rapid City, Vermillion, or Sioux Falls. The three faculty who are currently employed at the Pierre site will have the opportunity to apply for open positions at the Vermillion, Rapid City, or Sioux Falls sites. Relocation assistance will be provided if faculty choose to relocate. We anticipate that positions will be available for the Pierre faculty at the other sites due to program growth.

C. What is the last date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate in the program:

There are 3 students would be eligible to graduate May 9, 2020 and 5 students eligible to graduate May 8, 2021.

D. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) inactive status takes effect (the proposed date for inactive status is also the last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

The proposed date of inactive status takes place Summer 2020 [202050 term].