



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS
Request to Seek Accreditation

Use this form to request permission to seek accreditation of an approved program. Board of Regents (BOR) action is required to seek program accreditation.

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| UNIVERSITY: | USD |
| PROGRAM: | Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) |
| CIP CODE: | 51.3804- Nurse Anesthetist |
| UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT: | Department of 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. Level of program seeking accreditation (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

- Certificate Associate Bachelor's
 Doctoral Master's

2. Accrediting Agency: Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

3. What are the advantages of accreditation?

Accreditation is required through The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational programs (COA). To become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), a student must graduate from an educational program that is accredited by COA or its predecessor. The COA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting authority for nurse anesthesia educational programs. The COA provides for systematic self-study and on-site evaluation of all nurse anesthesia educational programs. The COA publishes a list of accredited nurse anesthesia educational programs annually.

Accreditation of this program acknowledges the quality of the program in all areas. It also serves as a mechanism for continuous assessment and quality improvement. Program accreditation serves as a means of reasonable assurance of the external evaluation of the program and its conformity with published standards and expectation in the field of study. Accreditation also serves as a means to attract students and inform potential employers and the public about the level and scope of the program.

4. What are the anticipated costs involved in accreditation, including:

A. Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation:

The self-study and preparation of the application for COA accreditation will be completed by the administration and faculty of the Department of Nursing. There is a COA Capability Application fee of \$11,050.

B. Out-of-pocket costs related to dues or site visits:

Onsite reviews ~ \$6,075

C. Base budget implications including incremental costs and minimum base resources required (dollars and FTE):

Cost for doctoral degree review is \$6,075

Cost for distance education review is \$1,225

Annual accreditation maintenance is \$106/student + base fee of \$2,390

Re-accreditation fees approximates \$15,000 (5-year timeframe)

5. What is the source of the revenue needed?

DNAP program tuition and fees

6. What is the estimated date for submission of accreditation application?

The application date will be determined by COA. The timeframe will be communicated when COA has confirmed the dates.