



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

Request to Seek Accreditation

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
PROGRAMS:	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with specialization in Organizational Systems and Leadership. Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with specialization in Nursing Informatics and e-Health
CIP CODE:	
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Department of Nursing
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	School of Health Sciences (USD)

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.

_____ Date

President of the University

1. Level of program seeking accreditation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate | Bachelor's |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doctoral | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master's | |

2. Accrediting Agency:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

3. What are the advantages of accreditation?

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. The Commission ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, and graduate programs in nursing. The Commission serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices. CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education.

Accreditation by CCNE is intended to accomplish at least five purposes:

1. To hold nursing programs accountable to the community of interest – the nursing profession, consumers, employers, higher education, students and their families, and to

one another by ensuring that these programs have mission statements, goals, and outcomes that are appropriate to prepare individuals to fulfill their expected roles.

2. To evaluate the success of a nursing program in achieving its mission, goals, and expected outcomes.
3. To assess the extent to which a nursing program meets accreditation standards.
4. To inform the public of the purposes and values of accreditation and to identify nursing programs that meet accreditation standards.
5. To foster continuing improvement in nursing programs – and, thereby, in professional practice.

The BSN program at USD has full accreditation, and we are seeking accreditation for the DNP and MSN programs. Accreditation would also benefit the program and School of Health Sciences for similar reasons as those listed above. Achieving accreditation underscores the quality of the program administration, faculty, curriculum and resources necessary to implement a successful program. This accreditation fosters continuous quality improvement within the programs. Broader recognition of the programs enhances the ability to attract high-quality students. Our nursing professional colleagues who hire our nursing graduates, also benefit by being assured of the quality of education they have received, and that it was based on achievement of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials.

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 CCNE accreditation will be completed by the faculty of the Department of Nursing. There are no additional costs for the Department.

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

Initial Application Submission Fee: \$2,000/program	\$4,000.00
Onsite evaluation costs (travel and meals)	\$5,850.00

Total Estimated Out-of-Pocket Costs related to dues/site visits \$9,850.00

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

CCNE Membership Annual Fee	\$2,777.00
AACN Membership Annual Fee	\$5,539.00

Curriculum: The curriculum for this degree is designed to meet CCNE requirements. Continuous curriculum improvement will occur in accordance with the CCNE accreditation criteria.

Faculty: Accreditation preparation will be conducted by faculty in the Department of Nursing

5. What is the source of the revenue needed?

Department of Nursing

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

In order to submit an accreditation application, a degree program must have student's enrolled for the equivalent of one academic year (2 semesters) prior to hosting an on-site evaluation. The DNP started in January 2021 and the MSN will begin August 2021. We are seeking accreditation two semesters after the start of the MSN program. On-site evaluations are generally scheduled with CCNE a minimum of 12 months in advance. The Department of Nursing anticipates submitting the application for the site visit in February 2021 with an anticipated site visit in August 2022.



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February 8, 2021

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
655 K Street NW Suite 750
Washington, DC 20036-1120

RE: Request to initiate New Program Accreditation

Dear CCNE,

On behalf of the University of South Dakota Department of Nursing, I am writing to request accreditation for our new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with specialization in Organizational and Systems Leadership be initiated by CCNE. We will also be starting a Master of Science (MSN) in Nursing with specialization of nursing informatics and e-health. The MSN program will begin in August 2021. The South Dakota Board of Regents has given us the authority to offer both programs. We are requesting an onsite visit in Fall 2022 for both programs.

Respectfully,

Anne Pithan DNP, RN, CMSRN, CNE

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Department of Nursing Chair

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