



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
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Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	USD
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Master's degree in Counseling and Psychology in Education: Specialization in School Counseling [U.MA.CPE-SCNS]
CIP CODE:	42.2803
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Counseling & Psychology in Education
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	School of Education

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.

<i>Elizabeth M. Freeburg</i>	5/9/2017
_____ Vice President of Academic Affairs or President of the University	_____ Date

1. This modification addresses a change in (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) |

2. Effective date of change: 8/1/2017

3. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

4. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

Proposed new name: _____

Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.

6. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)</i>			
Current Program Name: Counseling and Psychology in Education, M.A.-Specialization in School Counseling				Proposed Program Name: N/A			
Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
Counseling Specialty course work (M.A. School Counseling Specialization):				Counseling Specialty course work (M.A. School Counseling Specialization):			
COUN	515	Counseling Children & Adolescents	3	Deleted			
				COUN	725	Counseling Issues with Families, Children, & Adolescents	3
COUN	731	Counseling Issues in Culture, Diversity, & Advocacy	3	COUN	731	Counseling Issues in Culture, Diversity, & Advocacy	3
COUN	736	Appraisal Procedures in COUN	3	COUN	736	Appraisal Procedures in COUN	3
COUN	737	Diagn. & Interven. in Coun.	3	COUN	737	Diagn. & Interven. in Coun.	3
				COUN	740	Psychopathology for the Non-medical Mental Health Prof.	3
COUN	742	Career & Lifespan Devlpmnt	3	COUN	742	Career & Lifespan Devlpmnt	3
COUN	743	Foundations of Addiction and Co-occurring disorders for professional counselors	3	COUN	743	Foundations of Addiction and Co-occurring disorders for professional counselors	3
COUN	755	Human Development & Psychosocial Intervention	3	COUN	755	Human Development & Psychosocial Intervention	3
COUN	761	Counseling Theories & Socio-Cultural Foundations	3	COUN	761	Counseling Theories & Socio-Cultural Foundations	3
COUN	766	Group Counseling	3	COUN	766	Group Counseling	3
				COUN	770	Clinical Supervision Training and Ethics	3
COUN	780	Crisis intervention in professional counseling	3	COUN	780	Crisis intervention in professional counseling	3
COUN	786	Pre-Practicum	3	COUN	786	Pre-Practicum	3
COUN	790	Seminar: Law & Ethics	3	COUN	790	Seminar: Law & Ethics	3
COUN	794	Internship: School Counseling	3	COUN	794	Internship: School Counseling	6
COUN	795	Practicum: School Counseling	3	COUN	795	Practicum: School Counseling	3
COUN	798	Thesis (Plan A only)	4	COUN	798	Thesis (Plan A only)	4
COUN	862	Administration of Counseling Services in Educational Settings	3	COUN	862	Administration of Counseling Services in Educational Settings	3
EDER	761	Research Methods	3	EDER	761	Research Methods	3
				SPED	770	Early Childhood Special Educ	3
Plan A only:				Plan A only:			
COUN	798	Thesis	4	COUN	798	Thesis	4
School Counseling Specialization			48-52	School Counseling Specialization			60 or 64
Total number of hours required for degree Plan A			52-64	Total number of hours required for degree Plan A			64
Total number of hours required for degree Plan B (Non-thesis)			48-60	Total number of hours required for degree Plan B (Non-thesis)			60

7. Explanation of the Change:

The national accrediting body for counseling programs, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) enacted the new 2016 Standards on July 1, 2016. CACREP accredited programs must adhere to 2016 standards as of that date. These standards require Counselor Education programs to develop and graduate highly competent professional counselors

who understand and possess the skills that will enable them to work as professional school counselors.

Examination of the 2016 CACREP Standards requires completion of 60 credits hours in the school counseling specialization. In order to meet the 2016 standards, the school counseling specialization at USD must increase credit hours from 48 to 60. To address the increase in credit hours, the school counseling specialization first seeks to increase required internship credit. A supervised school counseling internship now requires 600 clock hours with at least 240 clock hours being direct service to clients. Moving from 3 credit hours to 6 credit hours will align with the time required to complete the internship and will mirror the internship requirements for the clinical mental health specialization. Second, the school counseling specialization must meet criteria in 2016 standards with the addition of courses focusing on areas of counseling families, psychopharmacology, supervision, and childhood special education.

This adjustment in coursework enhances the strength of the School Counseling Specialization and meets 2016 CACREP standards by providing students with the required amount of credits hours reflective of the comprehensive training experience of a professional school counselor.

Important to note that COUN 798 is the course that represents the Plan A thesis option for 4 credits. This was noted in the Plan A line above. The Graduate Catalogue combines both the School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health specializations when noting total credits and subsequently reflected variable credits 52-64 for Plan A and 48-60 for Plan B. The School Counseling specialization will now be the same total credits as the Clinical Mental Health specialization. The total credits will now be 64 credit hours for Plan A and 60 credit hours for Plan B.