



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

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>PhD in Counseling &amp; Psychology in Education: Specialization in Counselor Education [U.PHD.CPE-CNED]</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>42.2803</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Counseling &amp; Psychology in Education</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>School of Education</b>

**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.*

*Elizabeth M. Freeburg*

*5/9/2017*

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Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

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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):**

*Existing Curriculum*

Ph.D. Counseling & Psychology in Education, Counselor Education specialization

*Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)*

Ph.D. Counseling & Psychology in Education, Counselor Education specialization (60 hours beyond Master's)

Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
Hours from MA			48 or more	Hours from MA			48 or more
<b>Area I: Counseling Doctoral Core</b>				<b>Area I: Counseling Doctoral Core</b>			
COUN	831	Advanced Counseling Issues in Culture, Diversity, and Advocacy	3	COUN	831	Advanced Counseling Issues in Culture, Diversity, and Advocacy	3
COUN	858	Theoretical Approaches to Counseling	3	COUN	858	Theoretical Approaches to Counseling	3
COUN	873	Teaching Counselor Education	3	COUN	873	Teaching Counselor Education	3
COUN	890	Seminar: Professional Issues: Research in Counselor Education	3	COUN	890	Seminar: Professional Issues: Research in Counselor Education	3
COUN	894D	Internship (Ph.D.) (600 clock hours)	6	COUN	894D	Internship (Ph.D.) (600 clock hours)	6
COUN	895	Practicum: PhD	3	COUN	895	Practicum: Individual and Relational I	3
COUN	895	Practicum: Supervision I	3	COUN	895	Practicum: Supervision I	3
COUN	895	Practicum: Supervision II	3	COUN	895	Practicum: Supervision II	3
COUN	895	Practicum: Group	3	COUN	895	Practicum: Individual and Relational II	3
SPSY	768	Consultation	3	Delete			
<b>Area II: Supporting Course (one of the following)</b>				<b>Area II: Supporting Course (one of the following)</b>			
EPSY	741	Cognitive Approaches to Educational Psychology	3	EPSY	741	Cognitive Approaches to Educational Psychology	3
EDFN	710	History of Education		EDFN	710	History of Education	
EDFN	720	Philosophies of Education		EDFN	720	Philosophies of Education	
EDFN	740	Comparative Education		EDFN	740	Comparative Education	
<b>Area III: Supporting Course (One of the following)</b>				<b>Area III: Supporting Course (One of the following)</b>			
SPSY	866	Personality and Behavioral Assessment	3	Delete			
EDER	711	Educational Assessments	3	Delete			
<b>Area IV: Dissertation</b>				<b>Area IV: Dissertation</b>			
COUN	898D	Dissertation	15	COUN	898D	Dissertation	15
<b>Area V: Research and statistic course work (9 credits required)</b>				<b>Area V: Research and statistic course work (9 credits required)</b>			
EDER	763	Qualitative Methods of Educational Research	3	EDER	763	Qualitative Methods of Educational Research	3
EDER	860	Advanced Statistics I	3	EDER	860	Advanced Statistics I	3
EDER	861	Advanced Statistics II	3	EDER	861	Advanced Statistics II	3
<b>Note</b>				<b>Note</b>			
Student must maintain GPA of 3.5 or higher, complete doctoral core courses with a "B" or higher.				Student must maintain GPA of 3.5 or higher, complete doctoral core courses with a "B" or higher.			
9 additional credits of COUN or non-COUN courses to form a cognate area.			9	3 additional credits of COUN or non-COUN courses to form a cognate area.			3
Total number of hours required for specialization			72	Total number of hours required for specialization			60
Total number of hours required for degree			108	Total number of hours required for degree			108
Total number of hours required for PhD degree beyond minimum 48 hour Master's degree (120 minimum total beyond Bachelor's degree)			72	Total number of hours required for PhD degree beyond minimum 48 hour Master's degree (108 minimum total beyond Bachelor's degree)			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 mental health counselors. These changes reflect changes in CACREP standards and remove courses that are no longer required, that do not substantially contribute to the specific education of counseling students, and that, if retained, increase the time to graduation and cost of education for students.

Examination of the 2016 CACREP Standards requires completion of a minimum of 48 credits hours in the doctoral level Counselor Education specialization. In order to more closely align with the 2016 standards and increase recruitment, the Counselor Education specialization at USD will decrease credit hours from 72 to 60. To address the decrease in credit hours, the Counselor Education specialization will focus its training on counseling-specific courses and remove non-essential courses. The program will retain a strong emphasis on statistical course work and courses that specifically meet CACREP 2016 standards.

This reduction in coursework magnifies the strength of the Counselor Education specialization and increases competitiveness with regional/national program, while maintaining the essential number of credits hours reflective of the comprehensive training experience of a professional counselor education.

Important to note that counseling master's degree total credits vary, but maintain minimum of 48 hours. Entrance to the PhD degree program will required the minimum 48 hour master's degree. Thus the total minimum hours required for the PhD will be 108 (48 master's degree and 60 doctoral degree).