



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS
Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Occupational Therapy, M.S. [U.MS.OT]
CIP CODE:	51.2306
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Occupational Therapy
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 (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

2. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):¹

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is (place an "X" in the appropriate box):²

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

5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

The Occupational Therapy program has transitioned to the occupational therapy doctorate (OTD) and will no longer offer the Master of Science degree.

b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

The last class of MS students was admitted in Fall 2015. At that time, 28 students were admitted. Of those, 10 chose to remain at the MS level; the others chose to transition to the OTD.

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.

- c. **What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?**

27/07/2015 – Fall 2015 was the last class of students admitted to the MS in Occupational Therapy program; all others have matriculated into the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree program

- d. **What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?**

27/07/2015 is the last date the student was able to matriculate into the program. Students are scheduled to complete the degree by December 13, 2017. They begin fieldwork summer 2017 and typically finish in 6 months; however, department policy states that they have up to two years to finish fieldwork following completion of the didactic phase of the program. Therefore, students may enroll through spring semester 2019 in cases of a decelerated program or part-time enrollment.

- e. **What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**

Spring semester, 2019

The last class of MS students are scheduled to complete the degree by December 13, 2017; however, departmental policy allows up to two years to complete fieldwork following the didactic phase of the program.

- f. **What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**

All costs derived from program operation have been shifted to the OTD program.

- g. **What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

No employees were terminated; faculty FTEs were expanded as part of the OTD program.