SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
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Accelerated Graduate Program Request

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
NAME AND DEGREE (e.g., BA, BS) OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:	Nursing (B.S.N.)- RN to B.S.N.
NAME AND DEGREE (e.g., MA, MS, PhD) OF GRADUATE PROGRAM:	Nursing (Ph.D.)

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.

Dennis D. Hedge	10/8/2024
Vice President of Academic Affairs or President of the University	Date

1. Maximum number of credits allowed to transfer between undergraduate and graduate program:

   Nine (9) credits

2. Is the response to Question 1 more than thirteen (13) credit hours?

   Yes (requires BOR approval)   No   (does not require BOR approval)

3. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) the accelerated program would begin?

   2025-2026 Academic Year

4. Please provide a brief explanation of the accelerated program, including specific courses eligible for both the undergraduate and graduate program credit.

   The RN to Ph.D. in Nursing program would allow students enrolled in the RN to B.S.N. option to substitute 9 credits (3 courses) for graduate program credit. This would allow students to accelerate their graduate degree and begin working on it upon enrollment into the RN to B.S.N. option.

   Students in the RN to Ph.D. in Nursing accelerated option would substitute the following courses:
   NURS 615 Foundations of Advanced Nursing (3 credits)
   NURS 670 Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics (3 credits)

NURS 675 Cultivating a Practice of Cultural Humility in Healthcare (3 credits)

These courses would replace the following RN to B.S.N. courses:
NURS 301 Emerging Issues in Nursing (3 credits)
NURS 463 Systems-Based Practice in Healthcare (3 credits)
NURS 466 Healthcare Informatics & Technologies (3 credits)

Students must follow policy and procedures outlined in [SDSU Policy 2:22 Use of Graduate Credit for Undergraduate Degree Requirements](#).