



Department of Health and Human Services suggests that South Dakota may need an additional 2,000 nurses,<sup>3</sup>

This workforce need for nursing appears especially significant in the western region of the state. Regional Health in Rapid City reports that they could hire an additional 300 nurses on any given day.<sup>4</sup> seeking ways to meet the nursing workforce needs. The University proposes to offer the accelerated track for the Rapid City site in partnership with the ongoing accelerated programs in either Sioux Falls or Aberdeen. Coursework will be delivered to the Rapid City cohort from courses offered in Sioux Falls or Aberdeen via synchronous distance technology and clinical, simulation and laboratory experiences will be offered face-to-face in Rapid City. The SDSU College of Nursing has documented potential interest in this program by surveying senior students (n=27) enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Sciences program at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. These students are likely to have required pre-nursing courses completed within their SDSM&T B.S. degree. Over half of the students indicated an interest in attending an accelerated nursing program in Rapid City if one were available.

The University does not request new state resources or new student fees to support delivery in Rapid City.

- 2. Are any other Regental universities authorized to offer a similar program at the proposed site(s) or through distance delivery? If “yes,” identify the institutions and programs and explain why authorization is requested.**

No other Regental nursing program in South Dakota offers accelerated programming.

- 3. Are students enrolling in the program expected to be new to the university or redirected from other existing programs at the university? Complete the table below and explain the methodology used in developing the estimates.**

SDSU expects the students to be new to the university. The University proposes a cohort of up to 16 students at the Rapid City site that will partner either with Sioux Falls or Aberdeen cohorts already offering the degree option. These students will already possess a baccalaureate degree, and this offering, delivered via a combination of distance technology and face-to-face clinical, laboratory, and simulation experiences already in place at the partnering site, will allow these students to complete a B.S.N. within 1 year of extended education.

	Fiscal Years*			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Estimates</i>	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24
Students new to the university	16	16	16	16
Students from other university programs	0	0	0	0
=Total students in the program at the site	16	16	16	16
Program credit hours (major courses)**	976	976	976	976
Graduates	16	16	16	16

\*Do not include current fiscal year.

\*\*This is the total number of credit hours generated by students in the program in the required or elective program courses. Use the same numbers in Appendix B Budget.

<sup>3</sup> [https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bhw/nchwa/projections/NCHWA\\_HRSA\\_Nursing\\_Report.pdf](https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bhw/nchwa/projections/NCHWA_HRSA_Nursing_Report.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> P. Davidson, personal communication, August 12, 2019

**4. What is the perceived impact of this request on existing programs in the Regental system?**

No impact is anticipated. The new site will utilize existing resources and provide a pathway for working and place-bound professionals to obtain their B.S.N. degree.

**5. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program**

- ◁ NURS 119 - First Year Seminar (COM) Credits: 2
- ◁ NUTR 315 - Human Nutrition (COM) Credits: 3
- ◁ PSYC 101 - General Psychology (COM) [SGR #3] Credits: 3

#### Major Requirements

- ◁ NURS 234 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts I Credits: 2-3 (3 credits required)
- ◁ NURS 235 - Clinical Application I Credits: 2
- ◁ NURS 258-258L - Nursing Principles and Application I: Assessment and Interventions and Lab Credits: 3
- ◁ NURS 272 - Professional Nursing Concepts I Credits: 2
- ◁ NURS 322 - Pharmacology Credits: 3
- ◁ NURS 323 - Introduction to Pathophysiology Credits: 3
- ◁ NURS 334 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts II Credits: 5
- ◁ NURS 335 - Clinical Application II Credits: 3-4 (3 credits required)
- ◁ NURS 344 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts III Credits: 5
- ◁ NURS 345 - Clinical Application III Credits: 3-4 (3 credits required)
- ◁ NURS 347 - Concepts Synthesis I Credits: 1
- ◁ NURS 358-358L - Nursing Principles and Applications II: Interventions and Lab Credits: 3
- ◁ NURS 360 - Research and Evidence-Based Practice Credits: 3
- ◁ NURS 372 - Professional Nursing Concepts II Credits: 2
- ◁ NURS 434 - Patient-Centered Care Concepts IV Credits: 4-5 (5 credits required)
- ◁ NURS 435 - Clinical Application IV Credits: 3-4 (4 credits required)
- ◁ NURS 437 - Concepts Synthesis II Credits: 1
- ◁ NURS 444-444L - Population-Centered Care and Lab Credits: 3
- ◁ NURS 472 - Professional Nursing Concepts III Credits: 3-5 (3 credits required)
- ◁ NURS 495 - Practicum Credits: 1-6 (4 credits required)

#### Electives

- ◁ Taken as needed to complete any additional degree requirements.

Total Required Credits: 120

### **6. How will the university provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?**

Students engaged in the Nursing (B.S.N.) Accelerated program at Rapid City will have access to various support services and facilities throughout the academic program. SDSU does have academic advising personnel housed physically at both Rapid City Nursing site and at BHSU-Rapid City who will be available to assist them in pursuing their degree. Students will also have access to the support staff and services available at the off-campus centers or through Continuing and Distance Education at SDSU.

The South Dakota State University Hilton M. Briggs library has long served students engaged in coursework away from campus. This includes students enrolled at off-campus centers and online. Library support services will be available to students through a variety of means:

- ◁ Students can contact librarians for research assistance. The librarian provides online research guides and is available for consultations with faculty and students.
- ◁ Distance Library Services include book and article delivery for materials owned by the library. Students may request materials not held by the library through interlibrary loan.

