



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

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Nursing (M.S.) - Clinical Nurse Leader Specialization [SMS.NUR-CNL]</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>51.3801 – Major CIP; 51.3820 – Specialization CIP</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Nursing</b>
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	<b>SNUR</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Nursing</b>
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	<b>3N</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.*

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the increasing need for the CNL to be prepared at the doctoral level.<sup>3</sup> With the increased complexity of healthcare, a higher level of scientific knowledge, along with clinical expertise is required.<sup>4</sup> In discussions and work groups at the meeting, the intent to establish a task force to work on the transition to a doctoral-level CNL was discussed.

document and the AACN competencies for the CNL. As AACN changes these documents to reflect the competencies at the doctoral level, it will be necessary for SDSU to also transition to the DNP to meet new standards for the