

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – G

DATE: July 31 – August 1, 2024

SUBJECT

Request to Seek Accreditation – NSU (CCNE)

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2.3.5](#) – Accreditation

[AAC Guideline 2.3.5.B](#) – Request to Seek Program Accreditation

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

AAC Guideline 2.3.5.B specifies that universities must seek and receive Board approval before applying for initial accreditation for academic programs. Northern State University requests approval to seek accreditation from the following accrediting agency:

Accrediting Agency: The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

Program: Nursing (NS)

Advantages: CCNE is the accrediting body for undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate programs in nursing. They ensure that these programs engage in effective educational practices and provide a reputable quality program. Accreditation from CCNE is mandatory for Northern State University to offer a nursing program, and it ensures that we possess and maintain the required standards for practice along with a relevant and critically current curriculum.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

NSU anticipates a one-time application fee of \$2,500 for initial accreditation, and an annual fee of \$2,833 (FY24) to be covered through department funds. NSU plans to attach a student fee to courses with the NURS prefix. This revenue would be able to maintain the annual fees associated with accreditation. Other costs would include roughly \$5,250 for travel expenses for the evaluation & site visit.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – NSU Request to Seek Accreditation Form: Commission on College Nursing Education (CCNE)

DRAFT MOTION 20240731_7-G:

I move to approve NSU’s request to seek accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for their BS in Nursing.



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

Request to Seek Accreditation

Use this form to request permission to seek accreditation of an approved program. Board of Regents (BOR) action is required to seek program accreditation.

UNIVERSITY:	NSU
PROGRAM:	BS in Nursing
CIP CODE:	51.3801
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	College of Arts and Sciences
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	5A

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.

Michael Wernow

President (or Designee) of the University

4/29/2024

Date

1. Level of program seeking accreditation (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

- Certificate

 Associate

 Bachelor's
 Doctoral

 Master's

2. Accrediting Agency:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

3. What are the advantages of accreditation?

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4. What are the anticipated costs involved in accreditation, including:

A. Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation:

Application Fee — \$2500

B. Out-of-pocket costs related to dues or site visits:

Evaluation/site visit fee — \$5250 (three team members at \$1750 per team member)
 Annual fee — \$2833 (FY 2024)

C. Base budget implications including incremental costs and minimum base resources required (dollars and FTE):**Base Costs —**

Application: \$2500
 Site visit: \$5250

Annual Fees —

Annual fee: \$2833 (FY 2024); \$2890 (FY 2025)

5. What is the source of the revenue needed?

The Department of Nursing will increase revenue by attaching student fees to the NURS prefix courses, just as we do with courses in the Department of Science and Mathematics. A portion of the amount generated from these fees will cover the annual fees associated with CCNE accreditation.

6. What is the estimated date for submission of accreditation application?

FY 2024-2025 — spring 2025 apply for CCNE accreditation
FY 2026-2027 — fall 2026 site visit
Spring 2027 — CCNE Accreditation Approval