

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 8 – F (6)**

**DATE: June 22-23, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**New Site – USD – Minor in Health Sciences (Online)**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – Program and Curriculum Approval

[BOR Policy 2:12](#) – Distance Education

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The University of South Dakota (USD) requests approval to offer the minor in Health Sciences online. A Fall 2021 audit of the program identified that there is a path for online completion of the Minor. To keep in compliance, USD is seeking official approve to add the online site for this program.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

USD anticipates 5 online enrollments and 2 graduates after four years of the program being online. The university requests no new resources.

Board office staff recommends approval to offer the certificate online.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – New Site Request: USD – Minor in Health Sciences

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**DRAFT MOTION 20220622\_8-F(6):**

I move to approve USD's new site proposal to offer the minor in Health Sciences online.



## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

### New Site Request

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Minor in Health Sciences</b>
<b>NEW SITE(S):</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>51.0000</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Department of Public Health &amp; Health Sciences</b>
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	<b>UHSC</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>School of Health Sciences</b>
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	<b>2H</b>

<b>X</b>	<p><b>Please check this box to confirm that (place an “X” in the left box):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The individual preparing this request has read <a href="#">AAC Guideline 2:11</a>, which pertains to new site requests, and that this request meets the requirements outlined in the guidelines.</li> <li>This request will not be posted to the university website for review of the Academic Affairs Committee until it is approved by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.</li> </ul>
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#### 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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President of the University

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Date

**Note: In the responses below, references to external sources, including data sources, should be documented with a footnote (including web addresses where applicable).**

**1. What is the need for offering the program at the new physical site or through distance delivery?**

In Fall 2021 an audit of the program identified a path for online completion of the Minor in Health Sciences. To keep in compliance, we are seeking approval to add the online site for this program.

**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.**

Yes. SDSU has a health science minor. In contrast to the minor at SDSU, which is focused more on public health, community health and ecology/environment, USD’s health sciences minor focuses on delivery of health care at the level of the individual. Traditionally students who enroll in the health sciences minor to supplement their education have been students

who intend to pursue direct health care professions in majors such as nursing, dental hygiene, social work, communication sciences. Other students who enroll in the health sciences minor at USD are students who are on a pre-professional health care pathway to direct care professions such as occupational therapy, physical therapy and physician assistant. Healthcare occupations that provide direct health care services are among the fastest growing professions in South Dakota and are projected to make up approximately 10% of the state's projected new jobs between 2016 and 2026 [SD Healthcare Workforce Report](#). There is a need to offer a health sciences minor that includes direct care services coursework in health care delivery.

**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.**

Students have been enrolling in the Health Sciences minor degree since 2010. Currently in FY22, the Health Sciences program has 25 students enrolled from various programs pursuing the Health Sciences minor degree with 15 or more of these students taking a combination of both online and F2F Health Sciences courses. In addition, there are 2 students who are taking only online courses to complete their Health Sciences minor degree.

The Health Sciences program expects enrollment in the online Health Sciences minor degree to increase for various reasons. Overall, with the recent COVID 19 pandemic, the program has seen many students switch from F2F to online courses most likely stemming from the fear of acquiring a virus in a classroom setting. In addition, with the increase in the cost of living and transportation, students are becoming more financially prudent and limiting the number of F2F courses as well as desiring more flexibility in their family and work schedule with online degree offerings.

	Fiscal Years*			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Estimates</i>	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
New on-line students to the university	2	3	4	5
Student on campus	304	305	306	307
Students from other university programs	0	0	0	0
Total students in the program	306	308	310	312
Graduates on campus	75	76	77	78
On line graduates	0	0	0	2

\*Do not include current fiscal year.

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

There is no perceived impact regarding any existing programs in the Regental System since the Health Sciences minor degree has been available for students since 2010.

**5. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog. If there are corresponding program modifications requested, please attach the associated form. Explain the delivery of the new courses and attach any associated new course request forms.**

<b>Health Sciences Minor</b>	Credit hours	Credit hours currently available from this university at this site	Credit hours currently available from other universities available at this site	Credit hours currently available via distance	Credit hours new to this university
System General Education Requirements					
<i>Subtotal, Degree Requirements</i>					
Required Support Courses					
Major Requirements	18	62	0	62	0
Major Electives or Minor					
<i>Subtotal, Requirements of the Proposed Major</i>					
Free Electives					
<i>Total, Degree with Proposed Major</i>					

\*If the major will be available in more than one degree (e.g., BA, BS, BS Ed) at the new site(s) and the number or distribution of credits will vary with the degree, provide a separate table for each degree.

Since all of the Health Sciences courses needed for the online minor degree delivery have been developed and are currently offered as part of the online Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree, there are no additional need for any program modifications or new course development. The current listing of the health sciences minor may be found at the end of the proposal.

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

The student services available will be the same that are offered to the students who are currently pursuing an online BS degree in Health Sciences which was implemented in 2009.

**7. Is this program accredited by a specialized accrediting body? If so, address any program accreditation issues and costs related to offering the program at the new site(s).**

No.

**8. Does the university request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy.**

None.

**9. Cost, Budget, and Resources related to new courses at the site: Explain the amount and source(s) of any one-time and continuing investments in personnel, professional development, release time, time redirected from other assignments, instructional technology & software, other operations and maintenance, facilities, etc., needed to implement the proposed minor. Complete Appendix B – Budget using the system form.**

Since all of the Health Sciences courses needed for the online minor degree delivery have been developed and are currently offered as part of the online Bachelor in Health Sciences degree, there are no additional costs in offering this minor degree and therefore no budget is being proposed.

**10. Additional Information:**

There is ample justification to keep the Health Sciences online minor degree in place and the following points should be considered;

- 1) There are currently 2 students enrolled in the Health Sciences online minor degree and to discontinue this degree presently would be disruptive to these students' educational

pursuits.

- 2) These same students have already made a financial investment into their education pursuing the online Health Sciences minor degree and for them to lose this opportunity now may create additional costs having to choose another online minor.
- 3) Since the Health Sciences minor degree has been available since 2010 and all courses have already been developed, there is no additional cost for the department or university to continue offering this degree.
- 4) As the trend for students seeking more online degrees increases due to convenience and flexibility, the availability of the Health Sciences online minor degree prevents students from enrolling in other out of state universities to receive their degree.
- 5) In order to meet the challenges of the state shortage of direct care health professionals, there needs to be multiple pathways for students to acquire a minor in Health Sciences and presently the online minor degree is helping to expand these pathways.

### **Health Sciences, minor**

- Select 18 credit hours, choosing from the following HSC courses:
  - HSC 110 - The Interprofessional Health Team
  - HSC 111 - Introduction to Research
  - HSC 250 - Healthcare Terminology in the Clinical Setting
  - HSC 262 - Health Careers Exploration
  - HSC 275 - Comparative Cultures, Theory and Leadership in Healthcare
  - HSC 280 - Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology [SGR #6, HSDC]
  - HSC 280L - Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab [SGR #6, HSDC]
  - HSC 281 - Human Disease
  - HSC 305 - Professional Communication and Relationship Centered Care
  - HSC 306 - Spanish for Health Care Workers
  - HSC 310 - Health Care Delivery
  - HSC 315 - Introduction to Public Health
  - HSC 320 - Introduction to Epidemiology
  - HSC 325 - Global Health
  - HSC 330 - Native People's Health Care, Promotion and Policy
  - HSC 340 - Interprofessional Approach to Person-Centered Care
  - HSC 350 - Principles of Health Care\*\*
  - HSC 360 - Technology in Care Delivery
  - HSC 365 - Universal Supports in Disabilities Services
  - HSC 370 - Computerized Medical Records Regulatory Compliance
  - HSC 375 - The United States and Global Healthcare Systems
  - HSC 380 - Health Literacy and Culture Care
  - HSC 385 - Introduction to and History of Disability
  - HSC 400 - Clinical Analytics
  - HSC 440 - Evidence-Based Decision Making
  - HSC 450 - Patient Safety - Quality Improvement
  - HSC 460 - Leading Change
  - HSC 475 - Process and Outcomes Evaluation

\*\*HSC 350 requires the completion of criminal background checks, immunizations, and CPR requirements according to School of Health Sciences Health Affairs policy. Instructor permission is required.