



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

Substantive Program Modification Form

Use this form to request minor changes in existing programs (majors, minors, certificates, or specializations).

UNIVERSITY:	NSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	MSEd in Special Education (Accelerated Program)
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Special Education
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION (If applicable):	
CIP CODE:	13.1001
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Teacher Education
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	NSPSE
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	Millicent Atkins School of Education
BANNER COLLEGE CODE:	5E

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.



Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

4/8/2024

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification requiring Board of Regents approval
<i>Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee</i> | |

2. Effective date of change: 8/1/2024

3. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

4. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

Proposed new name: _____

Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.

6. Is the program being modified associated with a current articulation agreement?

Yes No

a. If yes, will the articulation agreement need to be updated with the partner institution following the approve of the program change? Please explain:

7. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>			
Pref.	Nu m.	Title TRACK A	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Nu m.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
Accelerated Undergraduate Courses				Accelerated Undergraduate Courses			
SPED	510	Behavior Management in Exceptional Children	3	SPED	510	Behavior Management in Exceptional Children	3
SPED	517	Vocational-Transitional Programming	2	SPED	517	Vocational-Transitional Programming	2
SPED	520	K-12 Curriculum & Instructional Strategies	3	SPED	520	K-12 Curriculum & Instructional Strategies	3
SPED	531	Identification & Assessment in Special Education	2	SPED	531	Identification & Assessment in Special Education	3
SPED	560	Family Systems & Professional Communication	2	SPED	560	Family Systems & Professional Communication	2
		Total	12			Total	13
Additional Graduate Courses in the Program				Additional Graduate Courses in the Program			

EDAD	720	Special Education Law for Administrators	3	EDAD	720	Special Education Law for Administrators	3
SPED	704	Inclusive Education	3	SPED	704	Inclusive Education	3
SPED	731	Educating Students with Learning Disability	3	SPED	731	Educating Students with Learning Disability	3
SPED	741	Educating Students with Behavior Disorders	3	SPED	741	Educating Students with Behavior Disorders	3
SPED	795	Practicum	6	SPED	795	Practicum	5
		Total	18			Total	17
Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization				Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			
Total number of hours required for degree				Total number of hours required for degree			
30				30			

8. Explanation of the Change:

The credit increase for SPED 531 reflects the rigorous and comprehensive nature of the course material and justifies the change. SPED 531 is a common course with variable credit; USD and BHSU offer the course for three credits in their programs as well. Due to this change, the total number of accelerated credits would need to increase from 12 to 13. To maintain 30 total credits required for the MEd in Special Education, the credits for the practicum have been decreased from six to five.

For substantial modifications requiring Board approval, complete the items below. References to external sources should be documented with a footnote (including web addresses where applicable).

9. Date of approval from the Executive Director or designee.
10. Identify the program modification requested.
11. Provide justification for the desired modification.
12. Would the requested modification require a change to the catalog description and/or the program learning outcomes? If so, describe.
13. Indicate the number of students currently enrolled in the program. 4
14. Describe the real impact to students.
15. Describe the real impact to the university.
16. Describe any cost associated with the program modification.
17. Describe any risks and unintended consequences associated with the program modification.
18. Would this modification be effective for current and future students, or only students who enroll following the change?