



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS  
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.

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	NSU
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	BS in Nursing
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	51.3801
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	College of Arts and Sciences
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	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.*

  
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President (or Designee) of the University

4/29/2024  
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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?**

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.

**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