



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

Accelerated Graduate Program Request

Use this form to request an accelerated graduate program and the appropriate required codes from the Enrollment Services Center. After the university President approves the proposal, submit a signed copy to the Executive Director through the system Chief Academic Officer.

UNIVERSITY:	NSU
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	Banner Program Code	Banner Program Description
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:	SPED	Special Education
GRADUATE PROGRAM:	SPED	Special Education

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.

 President (or Designee) of the University

4/28/2020

 Date

An accelerated graduate program for the purposes of this guideline is a graduate program at a Regental institution that allows a student to count courses for undergraduate and graduate credit simultaneously. Board Policy 2:8 – Level and Numbering of and Enrollment in Courses and Board Policy 2:5 – Transfer of Credit governs the transfer of courses between the undergraduate and graduate program.

Board of Regents Policy 2:5 – Transfer of Credit requires the Board of Regents to approve accelerated programs involving the transfer of thirteen (13) or more credits up to a total of twenty-five (25) total transfer credit hours at the accepting institution. In other words, an institution may create an accelerated program of one (1) to twelve (12) hours without Board approval. However, an accelerated program requires the creation of coding by the Enrollment Services Center (ESC) regardless of whether or not the accelerated program is accepting more than twelve (12) credit hours.

1. What is the maximum number of credits allowed to transfer between undergraduate and graduate program:

12 credits

2. Is the response to Question 1 more than thirteen (13) credit hours?

Yes

No

(requires BOR approval)

(does not require BOR approval)

3. What is the proposed academic year the program would become effective?

Fall 2020

4. Please provide the specific courses eligible for both the undergraduate and graduate program credit. Note: See [Board Policy 2:8](#) – Level and Numbering of and Enrollment in Courses that states that undergraduate courses may be dual listed with 500 level graduate course.

Undergrad. Course Prefix and Number	Corresponding Graduate Course Prefix and Number	Are the Courses cross-listed? (yes or no)
SPED 410	SPED 510	Yes
SPED 417	SPED 517	Yes
SPED 420	SPED 520	Yes
SPED 431	SPED 531	Yes
SPED 460	SPED 560	Yes
Visual Impairments Specialization		
SPED 421	SPED 521	Yes
SPED 423	SPED 523	Yes
SPED 424	SPED 524	Yes
SPRF 425	SPED 525	Yes
SPED 434	SPED 534	Yes

5. Please provide a brief explanation/overview of the accelerated program.

The Master of Science in Special Education and the Master of Science in Special Education with a Specialization in Visual Impairments will allow undergraduate students to accelerate their program by taking up to 12 graduate credits while enrolled as undergraduates, in accordance with the Northern State University catalog. Undergraduate special education majors have the opportunity to start on the master’s degree in their senior year by taking special education courses at the 500 level instead of the 400 level.