Approval of Out-of-State Nursing Programs

1. The South Dakota Board of Nursing does not approve out-of-state nursing programs.
2. Agreements for placement of students in direct care clinical settings located in South Dakota are between the out-of-state program and the in-state preceptor and/or agency.
3. It is expected that the out-of-state nursing program has one faculty member who is appropriately licensed in South Dakota or has privilege to practice (e.g. oversight of RN students, holds a South Dakota RN license; oversight of APRN students, holds a South Dakota APRN license).

Curriculum Requirements for South Dakota Licensure of LPNs and RNs
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN)

For licensure as a practical nurse or registered nurse in South Dakota, the applicant must:
1. complete a practical or registered nursing program that is board approved in the state in which it originates and meets the eligibility requirements in that state to sit for the NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN.

Curriculum Requirements for South Dakota Licensure of APRNs
Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)

For licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in South Dakota, the applicant must:
1. complete an advanced practice program in nursing that awards or confers a graduate degree, post graduate degree, or post graduate certificate in nursing with a major in a role and population focus area of advanced nursing practice and is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency approved by the United State Department of Education. If the program does not have national accreditation, the program must be board approved in the state in which it originates in order to meet licensure requirements.
2. complete a minimum of 500 clinical hours in the role and population focus area, and completion of advanced graduate level courses in physiology and pathophysiology, health and physical assessment, and pharmacology.
3. be eligible to sit for a nationally recognized certification examination approved by the board which is specific to the applicant's advanced practice registered nurse role and educational preparation.