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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Please mark the appropriate box:

- INITIAL APPLICATION
- CHANGE OF NAME
- CHANGE IN ACCREDITATION
- CHANGE OF PRIMARY ADDRESS
- CHANGE IN ADDITIONAL SITES (ATTACHMENT A)
- OTHER CHANGE(S)

1. Name of Applicant (*the institutional name under which postsecondary educational programs are provided*):

Valley City State University

2. Applicant's Main Address (*Additional sites listed on Attachment A*):

101 College Street

(Street Address)

Valley City

(City)

ND

(State)

58072

(ZIP Code)

www.vcsu.edu

(Website)

3. Contact Person:

Kerry Gregoryk

(Name)

701-845-7519

(Telephone Number)

kerry.gregoryk@vcsu.edu

(Email Address)

Director of Distance Learning

(Title)

701-845-7104

(Fax Number)

4. Does the Applicant operate at other sites than the address stated above? YES NO

If "YES", please be advised that Attachment A to this Application must be completed, which shall comprise part of this Application, and any subsequent changes to the information provided in Attachment A must be submitted with a revised Application to the Secretary of State Office, within thirty (30) days of such change.

5. Does the Applicant have a parent organization (non-profit, corporate, or otherwise)? YES NO

If "YES", please indicate the following:

(Parent Organization Name)

(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

6. Is the Applicant an instrumentality of the State under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Regents?

YES NO

If "NO", please indicate whether the Applicant is either (check one of the following):

An instrumentality of another state (please list the state agency which has jurisdiction over Applicant)

State North Dakota Agency ND University System

Address 600 East Boulevard Avenue

City Bismarck State ND Zip Code 58505

Contact Phone Number 701-328-2960

Contact Website www.ndus.edu

Legally established to operate in South Dakota as a private business entity

South Dakota Corporate ID _____

South Dakota Corporate Name _____

Legally established to operate in South Dakota as a not-for-profit corporation.

South Dakota Corporate ID _____

South Dakota Corporate Name _____

7. Is the Applicant accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education?

YES

Accrediting Agency: The Higher Learning Commission

30 North LaSalle Street Suite 2400

(Street Address)

Chicago

(City)

IL

(State)

60602

(ZIP Code)

Effective date of most recent grant of accreditation: 2011-2012
 Term or expiration date of most recent accreditation: 2021-2022

NO Application submission must include documentation of an affiliation agreement whose terms make another postsecondary institution, which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, responsible for awarding academic credit and educational credentials to its students and maintaining transcripts for such students:

The undersigned acknowledges that Applicant is required to notify the Secretary of State Office within thirty (30) days of a change in information set forth in this Application, including any changes in information set forth in any Attachments or other accompanying information. The undersigned has executed the foregoing document and, under penalties of perjury, certifies that the Information provided herein, and in support thereof, is true and correct.

The application must be signed by an authorized officer of the postsecondary educational institution:

Dated 7-31-2013

Margaret Dahlberg
 (Signature of an authorized officer)
Margaret Dahlberg
 (Printed name)
Vice President for Academic Affairs
 (Title)

Submit Application to:
 South Dakota Secretary of State
 Corporations Division
 500 East Capitol, Suite 204
 Pierre, SD 57501

Or email us at:
SOS.EDU@state.sd.us

Exemptions

- If the institution falls under one or more of the following categories, the institution is exempt from registering.
- Established by the government of the United States;
 - Established by the government of an Indian tribe whose tribal lands are located, in whole or in part, in South Dakota;
 - Established, owned, controlled, operated, and maintained by a religious organization lawfully operating as a nonprofit religious corporation and awarding only religious degrees or certificates for the purpose of conferring clerical status or authority within that religion; or
 - Subject to the jurisdiction and regulations to the South Dakota Cosmetology Commission.

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Currently or Previously Affiliated Institutions - 07/31/2013

The directory of institutions provides information on Institutions accredited by the Commission, those holding candidate for accreditation status, and those that previously held status, but have since closed, merged, or had their status withdrawn. It includes the Statement of Affiliation Status and Organizational Profile for each currently accredited and candidate institution, any Public Disclosure Notices that have been issued, and the most recent action letters from reaffirmations of accreditation occurring after June 2013.

Information provided on the Statement of Affiliation Status reflects the most recent actions of the Commission. The Commission has a multi-level decision process. Any Institutional changes that are currently under review are not made public until final action has been taken.

During the transition to the new Pathways model for reaffirmation of accreditation, some scheduled events are not displayed on this version of the Statement of Affiliation Status. Institutions can refer to the transition maps in the Open and Standard Pathways booklets for the timing of reviews. Institutions that have questions about other scheduled events should contact their HLC staff liaison.

Valley City State University

101 College St. SW
Valley City, ND 58072-4024
(701) 845-7100 (Main Phone)

www.vcsu.edu

Statement of Affiliation Status [click here for definitions...](#)

Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Steven Shirley, President

Name change notes: State Teachers College, Valley City to Valley City State College (1964) to State University of North Dakota-Valley City to Valley City State University (7/1/87)

HLC Institution ID: 1525
Current Accreditation Status: Accredited
Accreditation Date(s): (1915-34; 1950- .)

Summary of Commission Review

Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2011 - 2012

Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation: 2021 - 2022

Last Date of Information Change: 03/19/2012

Control: Public
Degrees Awarded (details below): Bachelor's, Master's

Stipulations on Affiliation Status:

Accreditation at the Master's level is limited to the M.Ed. Graduate level non-degree offerings are limited to professional development for educators.

Approval of New Degree Locations:

Prior Commission approval required.

Approval of Distance and Correspondence Courses and Programs:

The institution has been approved under Commission policy to offer up to 100% of its total degree programs through distance education. The processes for expanding distance education are defined in other Commission documents.

Organizational Profile [Click here for definitions...](#)

Enrollment Headcount (last updated: 05/07/2013)

	Full-Time	Part-Time
Undergraduate:	795	419
Graduate:	4	144
Dual enrollment (high school) programs:	0	

Degree Programs (last updated: 05/07/2013)

	Programs Offered	Degrees Awarded in Last Reported Year
Associate Degrees	0	0
Bachelors Degrees	37	234
Masters Degrees	1	42
Specialist Degrees	0	0
Doctoral Degrees	0	0

Certificate Programs (last updated: 05/07/2013)

	Programs Offered	Certificates Awarded in Last Reported Year
Certificates	5	23

Off-Campus Activities (last updated: 05/07/2013)

In-State:	Campuses:	None
	Additional Locations:	Fargo (North Dakota State University)
Out-of-State:	Campuses:	None
	Additional Locations:	None
Out-of-U.S.:	Campuses:	None
	Additional Locations:	None

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