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DATE: April 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Nuclear Science and Engineering Department

The Onstead College of Science and Engineering greatly anticipates the launch of our graduate programs in Nuclear Science and Engineering. The master's programs are fully approved, the doctorate program is currently making its way through councils, and we anticipate the hire of multiple faculty in the near future.

The Nuclear Science and Engineering Department will be established and will be in place for the 2026-2027 academic year. Mark DeHart will lead the department as program director. Courses with the NSE prefix will move to the Nuclear Science and Engineering Department.