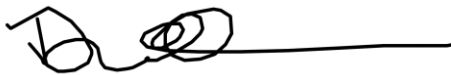





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech 
SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State: The University of Connecticut
DATE: February 2, 2015
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate in New York State for the University of Connecticut?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its February 2015 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Board of Regents permission to operate in New York State is required by Section 224 of the Education Law which prohibits out-of-state colleges and universities from transacting business in New York without Regents permission.

Background Information

Section 6908 of the Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons or students enrolled in educational programs that the State Education Department has registered. The University of Connecticut seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program leading to either the Master of Science (M.S.) degree or the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree in clinical experiences in New York. The University's Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The programs meet the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate, effective February 10, 2015, which authorizes the University of Connecticut to use clinical agencies in New York to provide clinical education for a total of five students enrolled in the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program leading to the M.S. degree or the D.N.P. degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until May 31, 2020.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the programs titled Neonatal Nurse Practitioner.

The University of Connecticut requests permission to place up to five Neonatal Nurse Practitioner students per academic year at clinical agencies located throughout the Hudson Valley Region and the New York City Region of the state. Contractual affiliations exist between the University and Westchester Medical Center, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Manhattan Metropolitan Medical Center, and New York Presbyterian/Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital. The programs leading to the M.S. degree require completion of 44 credit hours including 600 clinical contact hours.

Individuals available to serve as preceptors for the clinical placements include physicians and nurse practitioners with practices in the areas required by the program focus. The preceptors will be responsible for mentoring, supervising and evaluating each student and providing feedback to the appropriate University of Connecticut faculty member. The faculty members responsible for courses with clinical instruction in New York are experientially and academically prepared a minimum of the master's degree level. The identified faculty members for the proposed courses hold doctoral degrees with extensive practice experience in the specialty area. The University of Connecticut faculty members will also conduct a direct visit to each student in each location for evaluative purposes.

The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The School of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and fully approved by the Connecticut State Board of Nursing. Staff have determined that these programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Because of the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State and the responses from a canvass to the field, there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences for New York Institutions at cooperating facilities if authorization is granted.