



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Sarah S. Benson *Sarah A. Benson*

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions and Degree Conferrals

**DATE:** March 3, 2022

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Betsy...*

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions and degree conferrals as listed on the attachment?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board at its March 2022 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.

**Background Information**

There are three licensing petitions and ten requests for the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Medicine for review and determination.

**Related Regents Items**

Not Applicable.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the degree conferrals.

**Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, March 15, 2022.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on March 15, 2022

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing		
Dentistry		22-04-50 <sup>1</sup>					
Medicine		22-22-60			22-23-60		22-13-60C To 22-22-60C
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date:	186
						Total for calendar year to date:	40

<sup>1</sup> Authorization be given for Department staff to accept the Eastman Institute of Oral Health program as meeting the requirements of §61.1(b) without individual review for candidates who otherwise meet the education requirements for licensure.

**Board of Regents, March 15, 2022**

**DENTISTRY**  
**22-04-50**

Petition for: Authorization to administratively accept education as approved.

Statement of Problem: Part 61.1(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner states that, “[w]here a program of dental education is completed in an unregistered and unaccredited foreign dental school..., the applicant shall complete not less than two academic years of study satisfactory to the department in a registered or accredited dental school program including such subjects as may be necessary for certification by such registered or accredited school that the candidate has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of the school.”

An accredited dental school would be one that is approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to offer a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) or a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. The Eastman Institute for Oral Health at the University of Rochester currently offers a two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program. This program is acceptable as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in accordance with 8 NYCRR §61.1(b) (Commissioner’s Regulation.) Although the AEGD program is registered, and is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry, the University of Rochester does not offer a DDS or DMD program. For this reason, graduates of this AEGD program are regularly presented to the Board of Regents and, if all other education requirements are fulfilled, their AEGD is always accepted as fulfilling the requirements of §61.1(b). Therefore, under these specific circumstances, such cases could instead be approved pursuant to a standing acceptance of this program, with the authorization of the Board of Regents.

<b>AFFECTED APPLICANTS:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>
Graduates of the Eastman Institute for Oral Health’s AEGD program who have otherwise standard education, and fulfill all other education requirements, as determined by the Department.	Authorize Department education evaluation staff to accept as approved the education of any and all such applicants, following a general order of approval of this program by the Board of Regents.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that authorization be given for Department staff to accept the Eastman Institute of Oral Health program as meeting the requirements of §61.1(b) without individual review for candidates who otherwise meet the education requirements for licensure.

**MEDICINE**

22-22-60

Min Pu

Winston Salem, North Carolina

(Luzhou Medical College, Luzhou, People’s Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, January 1982)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure in medicine to complete two years of preprofessional education and an acceptable professional medical education program of at least 32 months (four academic years) in length, for a total of six years of preprofessional and professional education.

Immediately after secondary school, Dr. Pu completed a four-year Medical Diploma at Luzhou Medical College, which prepared him for medical practice in the People’s Republic of China at the time. Following that, he completed a three-year Master of Medicine at Shanxi Medical University and a three-year Doctor of Philosophy of Medicine at Shanghai Jiaotong University, also in the People’s Republic of China.

Although Dr. Pu has over six years of combined education in medicine, his education does not exhibit the pattern of two years of preprofessional education followed by a four-year medical program as prescribed in the Regulations. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Pu’s combination of studies be accepted to fulfill the education requirement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Sections 60.1 of the Commissioner’s Regulations require:	
(1) Two years of preprofessional education acceptable to the department	(1) See qualification #2.
(2) A curriculum of not less than 32 months (four academic years) in length in a medical program recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the school is located as an acceptable educational program for physicians.	(2)(a) Luzhou Medical College, Luzhou, People’s Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, January 1982. (2)(b) Shanxi Medical University, Taiyuan, Shanxi, People’s Republic of China, Master of Medicine, December 1984. (2)(c) Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, People’s Republic of China, Doctor of Philosophy of Medicine, April 1991.
(3) Proficiency examination.	(3) Standard ECFMG Certificate, February 1996.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant’s education requirements be considered fulfilled.

## **MEDICINE**

22-23-60

Michael Vallely  
Columbus, Ohio

(University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, May 1995)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Australia.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination, clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Vallely's application. He recommends that Dr. Vallely's Australian training be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner's Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the licensure, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for licensure by endorsement. Dr. Vallely obtained his medical license in Australia in 1995. His Australian license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Vallely was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy at University of Sydney in 2005 and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons as of 2007.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Vallely's Australian license be endorsed, and his Diploma and Fellowship be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>
Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, May 1995
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Doctor of Philosophy, University of Sydney, November 2005
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) General Surgery Training Program through the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in East Melbourne, Australia

	from February 1999 to November 2002. (3) (b) Cardiothoracic Surgery Training Program through the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in East Melbourne, Australia from February 2003 to January 2007.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Australian license, January 1995
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, January 2007.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over five years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8)
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

## MEDICINE

Petition for: Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

Summary Statement: The petitioners listed below are all graduates of foreign medical schools who have been licensed in New York.

The applicable requirements of Section 3.57 of the Rules of the Board of Regents require completion of a medical education program in a foreign medical school satisfactory to the Department which does not grant the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and in which the philosophy and curriculum were equivalent, as determined by the Department in accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents, to those in programs leading to the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at medical schools in the United States satisfactory to, or registered by, the Board of Regents and the Department. Secondly, petitioners must have licensure to practice medicine in New York State in accordance with provisions of Section 6524 or 6528 of the Education Law or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to their authority under Section 6506 of the Education Law.

<b>NAME OF PETITIONER</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>
<u>22-13-60C</u> Selina Akhter Jamaica, NY 11432	(1) Jahurul Islam Medical College, Kishoreganj, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/24/2009 (2) License # 314065, Issued 11/30/2021
<u>22-14-60C</u> Maria Diaz Ordonez New York, NY 10022	(1) Universidad Complutense De Madrid, Madrid, Spain, Graduate in Medicine, 07/24/2014 (2) License # 298626, Issued 04/12/2019
<u>22-15-60C</u> Neha Goel Hicksville, NY 11801	(1) Lala Lajpat Memorial Medical College Meerut University, Meerut, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/28/2007 (2) License # 314110, Issued 12/03/2021
<u>22-16-60C</u> Balaram Hanumanthu New York, NY 10010	(1) Maharashtra University College of Health Sciences, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/22/2015 (2) License # 308192, Issued 12/21/2020
<u>22-17-60C</u> Dhammi Jayathilaka Lancaster, NY 14086	(1) University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/14/2012 (2) License # 300873, Issued 08/21/2019
<u>22-18-60C</u> Fahad Laghari Rochester, NY 14623	(1) Isra University, Hyderabad, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/04/2012 (2) License # 308299, Issued 12/30/2020
<u>22-19-60C</u>	(1) Manipal College of Medical Sciences,

Poonam Mahato New York, NY 10027	Pokhara, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/09/2012 (2) License # 314107, Issued 12/02/2021
<u>22-20-60C</u> Belinda Marquis Wyandanch, NY 11798	(1) University of Benin Nigeria, Benin City, Nigeria, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/28/1978 (2) License # 166813, Issued 07/02/1986
<u>22-21-60C</u> Jayant Solanki Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	(1) Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/01/1971 (2) License # 129073, Issued 10/15/1976
<u>22-22-60C</u> Poonam Velagapudi Fort Lee, NJ 07024	(1) Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/30/2005 (2) License # 289052, Issued 05/05/2017

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law