





**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech   
**SUBJECT:** State University College at Brockport: Authorization to Award the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) Degree  
**DATE:** July 2, 2019  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

## SUMMARY

### **Issue for Consent Agenda**

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) to confer the D.N.P. degree at State University College at Brockport?

### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its July 2019 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

### **Procedural History**

At its January 23, 2018 meeting, SUNY Board of Trustees authorized State University College at Brockport to offer the D.N.P. program. On January 24, 2018, the Department received the request from the College to offer a D.N.P. program in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP).

### **Background Information**

Paragraph (f) of subdivision (2) of §355 of the Education Law authorizes the State University Board of Trustees:

To grant all degrees, diplomas and certificates which heretofore [i.e., July 1, 1948] have been granted or have been authorized to be granted upon the completion of courses of study in any state-operated institution which now is or hereafter may be in the state university, prior to the acquisition of such institution by the state university, and also such other degrees as the regents may hereafter specifically authorize them to grant.

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents State University College at Brockport's first doctoral degree and the first use of the D.N.P. degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the D.N.P. degree.

At State University College at Brockport, in addition to the undergraduate degrees, the trustees are authorized to award the following master's degrees: Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) and Master of Social Work (M.S.W.). The College has existing M.S. and Advanced Certificate programs in FNP.

### **Related Regents Item**

Since the D.N.P. degree is the College's first program at the doctoral level, a master plan amendment will be presented before the full Board at its July 2019 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

### **Recommendation**

VOTED, that the Board of Regents authorize the SUNY Board of Trustees to award the D.N.P. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the D.N.P. programs at State University College at Brockport effective July 17, 2019.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the degree authorization, the Department will register the D.N.P. program in FNP at State University College at Brockport once the Regents and the Governor approve the master plan amendment authorizing it.