



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
Castleton State College

DATE: June 11, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate in New York State for Castleton State College, Vermont?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its June 2012 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

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

Castleton State College seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its associate degree nursing program in health agencies in New York for supervised clinical experiences. 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 program meets 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 June 19, 2012, which authorizes Castleton State College to use one clinical agency in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Nursing program leading to the Associate in Science degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2017.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the Nursing program leading to the Associate in Science degree at Castleton State College Vermont.

Castleton State College requests permission to place 16 registered nurse (RN) students in two acute-care pediatric practicums at Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls, New York. Each practicum is scheduled for eight weeks in the fall semester and the practica run sequentially. Eight students are assigned to each practicum. A faculty member who holds an unencumbered, active, New York State RN license, pediatric nurse practitioner certificate and a Master of Science degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and the University of Maryland will provide clinical instruction and supervision of the students.

Castleton is the 18th oldest institution of higher education in the United States and emphasizes undergraduate liberal arts and professional education. Castleton is committed to supporting and improving regional communities and lies approximately 10 miles from the border of New York and 38 miles from Glens Falls. The College is a member of the Vermont State Colleges and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The nursing program has the approval of the Vermont Board of Nursing and has been granted continued accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) until 2017.

The license-qualifying Associate in Science degree nursing program is 69 credits, 34 in nursing. For the years 2007-2011, the pass rate on the National Council Licensing Exam - RN is 91.4% for 198 first-time candidates.

Staff have determined that there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences at the cooperating facility if authorization is granted. Because of the limited nature of the College's authorization to operate in New York State, it should have no effect on New York institutions.

The Office of the Professions has determined that Castleton State College meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.