



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Elizabeth R. Berlin  
**SUBJECT:** Plaza College: Regents Authorization to award the Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree  
**DATE:** September 26, 2019  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Elizabeth R. Berlin*

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents authorize Plaza College to award the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree?

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

Required by State statute and State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

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

#### **Procedural History**

In June 2019, Plaza College submitted a proposal to offer an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Allied Health Science. The Department has determined that the proposed program meets registration standards.

Regents authorization is required because Plaza College is not currently authorized to award the degree title.

#### **Background Information**

Plaza College, a proprietary college located in Forest Hills, New York, was founded in 1916. It currently offers Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) and Associate in

Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) degree programs. The proposed Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program in Allied Health Science is a 62-credit program designed to advance a student's foundational knowledge in the area of health sciences, with a specific focus on allied health components, by embedding core content into a traditional plan of general education courses.

A master plan amendment is not needed because Plaza College already offers associate-level programs; however, Regents authorization is required because this will be the first degree program leading to the A.S. degree at Plaza College.

Academic review of faculty, curriculum, and other crucial program aspects of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department has determined that the proposed degree program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

### **Related Regents Items**

N/A

### **Recommendation**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize Plaza College to award the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree on students who successfully complete registered programs at Plaza College effective October 8, 2019.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents authorizes Plaza College to award the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree, the Department will register the program.