



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
University of Vermont

DATE: November 30, 2017

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

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

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its December 2017 meeting for final action.

Procedural History

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

Background Information

The University of Vermont seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program, Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) program and Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) program, all leading to the

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, 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 University's DNP programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Graduates of the FNP and ANP programs are eligible for certification as FNPs or ANPs, respectively, through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. 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 which authorizes the University of Vermont to use six clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its FNP, ANP and CNL programs leading to the DNP degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective immediately, and remains in effect until December 2022.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the programs titled Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) programs.

The University of Vermont requests permission to place up to a total of six Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Leader students a year at health agencies located in Clinton and Essex Counties. The Adult Nurse Practitioner program leading to the DNP degree requires completion of 69.5 credits and 750 clinical hours with an additional 240 clinical hours for the DNP practicum for a total of 990 clinical hours.

The Family Nurse Practitioner program leading to the DNP degree requires completion of 76 credits and 1050 clinical hours. The 6.75 credits assigned to clinical experiences require completion of 600 hours in a family practice setting, 90 hours in an obstetrics/gynecology setting and 120 hours in a pediatric setting and 240 clinical hours for the DNP practicum.

The Clinical Nurse Leader program leading to the DNP degree requires completion of 58.5 credits (38.5 for the Master of Science degree and an additional 20 credits for the DNP degree) and 420 clinical hours with an additional 240 clinical hours for the DNP practicum for a total of 660 clinical hours.

Individuals available to serve as preceptors for the clinical placements include physicians and nurse practitioners with practices in the areas identified as practice settings for the clinical courses. The preceptors will be responsible for mentoring, supervising and evaluating each student and providing feedback to the University of Vermont faculty member. The faculty member responsible for courses with clinical instruction in New York are experientially and academically prepared at the appropriate level. The single identified faculty member for the proposed courses holds a doctoral degree with extensive practice experience in the field

The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges through Spring 2019. The nursing programs in the College of Nursing and Allied Health programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through Spring 2020.

Staff have determined that there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences at the cooperating facilities if authorization is granted. Because of the limited nature of the University'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 the University of Vermont meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.