



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

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech

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

**DATE:** April 21, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

### **Issue for Consent Agenda**

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

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

Required by State statute.

### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its April 2014 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**

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 of Pennsylvania seeks to renew approval for Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) programs with specializations in Adult-

Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (NP), Women's Health NP, Pediatric Acute Care NP in clinical experiences in New York. The University seeks initial permission to operate the clinical portion of its M.S.N. program in a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) program in Neonatal Nursing. The University's M.S.N. programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). 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 and renewal of permission to operate, effective April 21, 2014, which authorizes the University of Pennsylvania to use five clinical agencies in New York to provide clinical education for a total of twelve students enrolled in each of four programs leading to the M.S.N. degree: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (NP), Women's Health NP, Pediatric Acute Care NP, and Neonatal CNS.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

This approval will be effective until May 31, 2019.

## **INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION**

The programs for which the request for a term renewal for permission to operate in New York State include nurse practitioner programs in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care and Women's Health that were initially approved in 2003 and a pediatric acute care program that was first approved in 2009. In addition to extending Regents permission to operate, the University seeks initial approval for the Neonatal Clinical Nurse Specialist program. The University of Pennsylvania requests to place up to three students enrolled in each of these four programs in the following New York State healthcare facilities: New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Hospital, New York University Langone Medical Center, Downtown Women's Associates OBGYN Associates, Memorial Sloan Kettering Medical Center, and Montefiore Medical Center. In addition to these programs, the University of Pennsylvania has Regents permission to annually use clinical placements in New York for master's degree programs in psychiatric-mental health (1 student) and nurse midwifery (3 students).

The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner program requires completion of 13 course units, the equivalent of 43 semester hours. The remaining programs require completion of 12 course units, which is the equivalent of 40 semester hours. Students will usually complete clinical placements for one or two courses a year. Total clinical contact hours each semester typically will range between 355 for the Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner program to 560 for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program, 450 for the Pediatric Acute Care program, and 500 for the Clinical Nurse Specialist. Students who are recipients of Hillman Foundation aid and enrolled in these programs may elect to complete all of their clinical hours in New York facilities in consideration for satisfaction of the required post-graduation two-year commitment to provide direct patient care in a New York City health care facility. Nurse Practitioner students will be precepted by nurse practitioners, or physicians. Clinical Nurse Specialists will be precepted by clinical nurse specialists and physicians. All preceptors will be licensed/certified to practice in New York State, and have practices in the appropriate specialty areas. Preceptors will be responsible for completing a clinical evaluation for each student at the end of the clinical experience. Full-time faculty from School of Nursing at University of Pennsylvania will be in contact with preceptors during each placement.

The University is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The School of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and fully approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. Staff have determined that these programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. 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. There would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences at cooperating facilities if authorization is granted.