



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
Vermont Technical College

DATE: March 28, 2018

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the renewal of permission to operate in New York State for Vermont Technical College?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its April 2018 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. 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.

Background Information

Vermont Technical College located in Randolph, Vermont is accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Schools. The Registered Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Vermont State Board of Nursing. The College was initially granted permission to operate in New York State a portion of its associate degree Nursing program in 2011. The College seeks Regents renewal of their 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.

The College specifically requests renewal of their permission to place up to 27 registered nursing students each semester for practicum at Albany Medical Center Hospital or St Peter's Health Partners in Albany, New York. Each practicum will occur over a 15-week period. Clinical experiences will occur on Behavioral Health units at the St. Peter's Health Partners site in the fall semesters and the intensive acute care units at the Albany Medical Center site in the spring semesters. The program requires completion of 70 semester hours of study. Faculty members, including the clinical faculty, have the appropriate experience and credentials to direct study in the program.

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 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 the nursing program at Vermont Technical College meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed renewal for permission to operate, effective April 2018, which authorizes Vermont Technical College to use two clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Nursing program leading to the Associate of Science degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2023.