



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

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:  
Fairleigh Dickinson University

**DATE:** June 10, 2013

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

SUMMARY

**Issue for Consent Agenda**

Should the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate in New York State for Fairleigh Dickinson University?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before full Board at its June 2013 meeting for final action.

**Procedural History**

Board of 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**

Fairleigh Dickinson University seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Family Nurse Practitioner program and its Adult Nurse Practitioner program, both leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) 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 M.S.N. programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner or Adult Nurse Practitioner programs are eligible for certification as Nurse Practitioners through the American Nurses Credentialing Center or through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. 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, effective June 18, 2013, which authorizes Fairleigh Dickinson University to use three clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of five students enrolled in its Family Nurse Practitioner program and five students in the Adult Nurse Practitioner program, both leading to the M.S.N. degree.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2018.

## **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 and Adult Nurse Practitioner.

Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) requests permission to place up to five Family Nurse Practitioner students and five Adult Nurse Practitioner students per academic year at clinical agencies located in the New York City metropolitan area. Contractual affiliations exist between the University and New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, Hospital for Special Services and New York Presbyterian Hospital. The Family Nurse Practitioner program leading to the M.S.N. degree requires completion of 38 credit hours including 640 clinical contact hours. Students enrolled in the Adult Nurse Practitioner program leading to the M.S.N. degree requires completion of 30 credit hours including 580 clinical contact hours. The didactic co-requisite to the clinical courses are taught on the FDU campus in New Jersey in the traditional standard format.

Individuals available to serve as preceptors for the clinical placements include physicians and nurse practitioners with practices in the areas required by the program focus. The preceptors will be responsible for mentoring, supervising and evaluating each student and providing feedback to the appropriate Fairleigh Dickinson University faculty member. The faculty members that will be involved in clinical instruction in New York are experientially and academically prepared at the appropriate level. The four faculty members that provide the didactic portion of the courses hold doctoral degrees with extensive practice experience in the field. Two faculty members designated to provide clinical instruction hold a Master of Science Degree in Nursing and are nationally certified, practicing Nurse Practitioners in their respective fields in New York State.

The University is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools through 2021. The nursing programs at Fairleigh Dickinson University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through June 2022 and fully approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

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 Fairleigh Dickinson University meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.