



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 Pennsylvania

DATE: June 16, 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 June 2014 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

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

Section 6957 of the Education Law restricts the practice of midwifery 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.) program with a specialization in Nurse Midwifery

(Midwifery) in clinical experiences in New York. The University's M.S.N. programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). The program meets 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 renewal of permission to operate, effective June 24, 2014, which authorizes the University of Pennsylvania to use clinical agencies in New York to provide clinical education for a total of three students enrolled in the Nurse-Midwifery program leading to the M.S.N. degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until May 31, 2019.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The term renewal for permission to operate in New York State is for the University of Pennsylvania's license-qualifying Nurse-Midwifery program initially approved in 1995. The University of Pennsylvania requests placement in clinical experiences for no more than three students enrolled in the Midwifery program at River and Mountain Midwives, PLLC, a New York State healthcare facility in the Hudson Valley region. In addition to this program, the University of Pennsylvania has Regents permission to use clinical placements in New York for master's degree nurse practitioner (NP) programs in psychiatric-mental health, women's health, adult-gerontology acute care, and pediatric acute care for a total of twelve NP student placements annually.

The Nurse-Midwifery program requires completion of 17 course units, the equivalent of 56 semester hours. Students will complete clinical placements for one or two courses a year. The program requires completion of 849 total clinical hours. Nurse Midwifery students will be precepted by nurse-midwives or physicians. All students will hold unencumbered New York State registered professional nurse (RN) license and current registrations. Physician preceptors will hold an unencumbered license and current registration to practice medicine in New York State. Midwife preceptors will also hold an unencumbered license and current registration to practice midwifery in New York State. Preceptors will be responsible for completing a clinical evaluation for each student at the end of the clinical experience in collaboration with course faculty members. 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); the Midwifery program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) and fully approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. Staff have determined that this program meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Based on the limited nature of the University's request and past number of placements in New York State, the Department has determined that there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences to existing programs in New York institutions if authorization is granted.