



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing:
Application for Permanent Degree Authority to Confer
Degrees

DATE: September 25, 2025

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Bellamy*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents grant permanent degree authority to Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing (the School)?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Full Board for consideration at its October 2025 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Pursuant to §224 of the Education Law, the consent of the Board of Regents is required for a not-for-profit corporation not holding degree conferring powers to award degrees. Section 3.58 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorizes the Board of Regents to determine whether to grant permanent authority past the term of the previously granted provisional authority.

At its December 2020 meeting, the Board of Regents granted Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing provisional degree-granting authority for five years. The School submitted an application for permanent degree-granting authority in March 2025.

Background Information

Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing is a non-for-profit educational corporation. The School offers a license-qualifying A.A.S. program in Nursing. Elmira College is a co-registrant for the program, offering the liberal arts and sciences courses.

The mission of the School is to prepare graduates to function as an entry level professional nurse with the knowledge, skills, and competencies needed to promote and restore health to a diverse patient population utilizing quality standards of care. The School's vision is to maintain a cost-effective, accredited quality nursing education program that is guided by, and in accordance with, the values of the faculty and those of the governing organization. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

In June 2025, staff members conducted a site visit to the School. Based on the findings of the site visit, the annual reports submitted by the program, and additional information obtained during the review of the request for permanent degree granting authority, it is determined that Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing meets all the provisions for permanent degree granting authority.

Related Regents Items

[June 2019: Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing: Master Plan Amendment](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/619brca11.pdf)
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[December 2020: Provisional Degree Authorization: Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/1220brca12.pdf)
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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents grant permanent authority to confer degrees.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents action will take effect immediately.