




**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech   
**SUBJECT:** Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:  
Mansfield University  
**DATE:** January 11, 2018  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Regents approve the renewal of permission to operate in New York State for Mansfield University?

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

Required by State statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its January 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

Regents permission to operate in New York State is required by §224 of the Education Law which prohibits out-of-state colleges and universities from transacting business in New York without Regents permission. §6908 of the Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons or students enrolled in educational programs registered by State Education Department.

### **Background Information**

Mansfield University seeks renewal of Regents permission to operate in New York State (NYS) to place a total of 40 junior and senior pre-licensure nursing students in its Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N.) program in ten clinical agencies in NYS for supervised clinical experiences. Mansfield University was granted initial approval in February 1992. Since then, this approval has been extended for four five-year terms. 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 for permission to operate effective January 11, 2018 which authorizes Mansfield University to place a total of 30 students per calendar year in New York for supervised clinical learning experiences.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2023.

## **INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION**

Mansfield University seeks to renew Regents permission to operate in New York State to place students from its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree program in ten New York State clinical agencies for psychiatric and community health supervised clinical experiences. Article 139, §6908 of the Education Law exempts from licensure students who provide nursing services while enrolled in educational programs that the Department has registered. Mansfield University was granted initial approval to use clinical agencies in New York State on February 21, 1992.

Established in 1857, Mansfield University is part of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. The College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools through 2022; the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing renewed full approval in May 2016; and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) has accredited the program until 2022. The University offers the first two years of its nursing program on its main campus in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and the last two years at Guthrie Clinic/Robert Packer Hospital site in Sayre, Pennsylvania, approximately two miles from the Pennsylvania-New York State border.

The B.S.N. curriculum requires completion of 120 credits of coursework (62 credits in nursing and 58 credits in general education courses). The major emphasis on clinical nursing courses is in the upper division. Student progression to the upper division nursing courses is predicated on maintaining a minimum "C" grade in all required science and nursing courses at the lower level.

Mansfield University has contractual arrangements with ten agencies in New York for psychiatric and community health clinical learning experiences, including Our Lady of Lourdes Home Care, Tioga County Health Department, Tioga County Rural Ministries, Visiting Nurse Service, Waverly Central School District, Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Care First, Guthrie Corning Hospital, Elmira Psychiatric Center, and the Chemung County Health Department. A total of 12 junior and 28 senior nursing students will be placed in clinical groups of two to five across these agencies throughout the academic year. Clinical instructors hold Master of Science degrees in nursing and unencumbered New York State Registered Professional Nurse (RN) licensure.

Staff has determined that there should be no effect on New York institutions based on the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State. There has been a reciprocal arrangement with Pennsylvania for New York nursing programs in the region. Staff has also determined that the B.S.N nursing program offered by Mansfield University meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.