



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*
SUBJECT: Provisional Degree Authorization: Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing to Offer the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Nursing

DATE: December 3, 2020

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents confer upon the provisional degree-granting authority to the Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing (the Center) to award the A.A.S. degree for a period of up to five years?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the Full Board at its December 2020 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing, a not-for-profit school located in Elmira, New York, submitted a request for degree-granting authority to offer an A.A.S. degree program in Nursing. Education Law §224(1)(a) provides, "No individual, association, partnership or corporation not holding university, college or other degree conferring powers by special charter from the legislature of this state or from the regents, shall confer any degree..." Section 3.59 (b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents provides that "an applicant must apply and obtain provisional authorization to operate an institution in New York State from the Board of Regents for a period of up to

five years...” Provisional degree authorization is necessary as the A.A.S program in Nursing is the first degree program offered at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing.

Background Information

In 1904, the Department registered a non-credit diploma program in Nursing at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing. The Center requested to offer an A.A.S. program in nursing. The A.A.S. program consists of 60 credits and can be completed in two years, four academic semesters. It includes 24 credits in Liberal Arts & Sciences, 36 credits in Nursing, and 755 clinical hours. The Liberal Arts & Sciences courses will be taken at Elmira College, the co-registrant for the program. All nursing classes are taught in the L. D. Clute building located at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center campus. Non-nursing courses are taught by faculty at Elmira College.

Admission requirements include: graduation from high school or completed the high school equivalency; overall grade average of 80% or higher; grades of 80% or above in Algebra, Biology and Chemistry; successful completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam; letters of reference; essay; complete the TEAS exam with a proficiency score; and complete a criminal background check. Transfer students must meet general admission requirements and achieve a grade of C or better in comparable courses taken within the past five years. In addition to meeting the general admission requirements, the Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) must also have had a grade average of 80% or higher.

Related Regents Item

The Board of Regents approved the [Master Plan for the Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/619brca11.pdf) at its June 2019 meeting.0
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Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize the Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing to confer the A.A. S. degree on students successfully completing the registered program for a period beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2025. At least 12 months prior to the end of the provisional authority period, the School must apply for permanent authority to confer degrees.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the provisional degree authorization, the Department will notify the institution that it shall send a list of graduates to the Department for the Board of Regents to confer degrees.