



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
Yale University Nurse Practitioner programs

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AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the renewal of permission to operate in New York State for Yale University Nurse Practitioner programs?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its February 2017 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

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

Yale University seeks renewal of Regents permission to operate in New York State (NYS) in order to place nurse practitioner students in health care agencies in New York for supervised clinical experiences in its license-qualifying, nurse practitioner programs leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree in the specialty areas of Adult, Family, Pediatrics, and Psychiatric-Mental Health. Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons or those exempt, such as students enrolled in educational programs registered by the Department as noted in Section

6908. Each specialty program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). 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 renewals for permission to operate effective February 14, 2017, which authorizes Yale University to use six clinical agencies and one private practitioner to place a total of 12 nurse practitioner students per calendar year in New York for supervised clinical learning experiences.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until June 1, 2022.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The College of Nursing (CON) of Yale University seeks renewal for four license qualifying nurse practitioner programs leading to the M.S.N. degree in the specialty areas of Adult (ANP), Family (FNP), Pediatric (PNP) and Psychiatric-Mental Health (PMHNP). The University intends to place a total of 12 nurse practitioner students in any one calendar year from these programs in five agencies and with one private PMHNP practitioner in the metropolitan area; and one agency in New Rochelle. The University has established contractual agreements for clinical preceptors with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan for the ANP, FNP, PNP and PMHNP students; Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital for FNP and PNP students; Four Winds Hospital and a private practitioner for PMHNP students; and Callen Lorde Community Health Center and Community Healthcare Network in Manhattan for FNP students only. The University has assured that students will be precepted by a nurse practitioner or physician in the appropriate specialty area. Faculty appointed to supervise clinical instruction will communicate weekly with preceptors and make one site visit during the semester.

The ANP program, first registered in June 2011, requires completion of 42.77 semester credits with 672 hours of clinical practice over two years of full-time study. The FNP program, initially registered in June 2011, requires completion of 52.27 semester credits and 732 hours of clinical practice over two years of full-time study. The PNP program, initially registered in July 2004 and last renewed in June 2011, requires completion of 45.2 semester credits and 589 hours of clinical practice over two years of full-time study. The PMHNP program, initially registered in May 2004 and last renewed in June 2011, requires completion of 53.6 semester credits and 774 hours of clinical practice over two years full-time study.

Since 1929, Yale University has held continued institutional accreditation by The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The CON received full approval from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for the license-qualifying nurse practitioner programs through October 2019. All nursing programs offered by the CON are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Nurse practitioner graduates score above the national average on certification examinations administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Each faculty member that teaches in the clinical courses to be offered in NYS holds a doctoral degree, board certification, and is a licensed registered professional nurse in NYS. Each nurse practitioner program is evaluated by faculty, students, and clinical preceptors at various times throughout the course(s).

The Department has determined that the proposed nurse practitioner programs offered by Yale University meet program registration standards as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Department has not received any concerns from NYS schools in the greater metropolitan area regarding a negative impact on like educational offerings during the past five-year term.