



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*

SUBJECT: Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions

DATE: March 4, 2021

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Bellotti*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions and degree conferrals as listed on the attachment?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the Full Board at its March 2021 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience, and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.

Background Information

There are two licensing petitions and seven requests for the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Medicine for review and determination.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the licensing petitions and degree conferrals.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, March 16, 2021.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on March 16, 2021

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing		
Dentistry	21-03-50	21-03-50					
Medicine		21-15-60					21-06-60C To 21-12-60C
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date:	153
						Total for calendar year to date:	21

Board of Regents: March 16, 2021

DENTISTRY

21-03-50

Hrant Kavoukdjian

(October 6 University, Faculty of Dentistry, Giza Governorate, Egypt, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, June 2008)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure in dentistry to complete an acceptable preprofessional education program of at least two years in length (including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics) and an acceptable professional dental education program of at least four years in length, for a total of six years of preprofessional and professional education.

Part 24.3(a)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents allows the Committee on the Professions the authority to waive up to six semester hours of preprofessional education, and §24.3(a)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents gives the Committee on the Professions the authority to accept postsecondary study after completion of professional study in lieu of up to 30 semester hours of preprofessional study.

Dr. Kavoukdjian completed a five-year professional dental education program at October 6 University in Giza Governorate, Egypt. Therefore, he lacks one year of education, which is in the preprofessional area. However, Dr. Kavoukdjian also completed an additional one-year internship in Dentistry through October 6 University in Giza Governorate, Egypt.

Additionally, an applicant who completed a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school must complete the required two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program, culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Dr. Kavoukdjian enrolled in the two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and completed the program in December 2020. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in Regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and §24.3(a)(1)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of preprofessional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) One-year internship in Dentistry at October 6 University, Giza Governorate, Egypt, September 2008 through August 2009.

(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Five years of acceptable professional dental education at October 6 University, Giza Governorate, Egypt, culminating in a Bachelor of Dental Surgery, June 2008.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, December 2018 through December 2020.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4)
(5) Acceptable clinically based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5)
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6)
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7)

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's preprofessional and professional education requirements be considered fulfilled.

MEDICINE

21-15-60

Jinjun Cheng

(Anhui College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Hefei, People's Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, June 2002)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Cheng earned a diploma in 2002 from Anhui College of Traditional Chinese Medicine following five years of study in a program that combined Traditional Chinese Medicine and allopathic (Western) medicine. The program was over 75% allopathic medicine for the first two years and over 50% allopathic medicine in the last three years. In 2003, Dr. Cheng enrolled in Sun Yat-Sen University and earned a Master of Medicine degree with a specialty in Human Anatomy, Histology and Embryology in June 2006. In 2006, Dr. Cheng enrolled in University of Tennessee and earned a Doctor of Philosophy with a specialty in Biomedical Sciences in May 2012.

Dr. Cheng completed a four-year residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee from July 2014 through June 2018. He is board certified in both Hematopathology and Anatomic and Clinical Pathology by the American Board of Pathology.

Based on the unique educational background of this applicant, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine supports the applicant's petition for acceptance of education as the equivalent of the regulatory requirement of six years of postsecondary education including a medical education of at least 32 months.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1 and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including a medical education at least 32 months in length.	(1) Anhui College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, from 1997 to 2002, Bachelor of Medicine, June 2002; Sun Yat-Sen University, from 2003 to 2006, Master of Medicine, June 2006; University of Tennessee, from 2006 to 2012, Doctor of Philosophy, May 2012.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) ECFMG certification, October 2013.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) Postgraduate years 1, 2, 3 and 4 in anatomic and clinical pathology through University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee, between 2014 and 2018; Board certification by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology as of June 2018 and in Hematopathology as of September 2019.

(4) Acceptable scores on the New York State licensing examination.	(4) Acceptable scores on USMLE Steps 1, 2, and 3.
(5) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(5) United States citizen.
(6) Evidence of good moral character.	(6) Good moral character.
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7) Certificate of Completion of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's preprofessional and professional education be considered satisfied.

MEDICINE

Petition for: Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

Summary Statement: The petitioners listed below are all graduates of foreign medical schools who have been licensed in New York.

The applicable requirements of Section 3.57 of the Rules of the Board of Regents require completion of a medical education program in a foreign medical school satisfactory to the Department which does not grant the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and in which the philosophy and curriculum were equivalent, as determined by the Department in accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents, to those in programs leading to the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at medical schools in the United States satisfactory to, or registered by, the Board of Regents and the Department. Secondly, petitioners must have licensure to practice medicine in New York State in accordance with provisions of Section 6524 or 6528 of the Education Law or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to their authority under Section 6506 of the Education Law.

NAME OF PETITIONER	QUALIFICATIONS
<u>21-06-60C</u> Dharscika Arudkumaran Farmingdale, NY 11735	(1) University of Science and Technology Chittagong, Chittagong, Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/04/11 (2) License # 299874, Issued 06/25/19
<u>21-07-60C</u> FNU Erum Farmingdale, NY 11735	(1) Liaquat University of Medical Sciences, Sindh, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/01/05 (2) License # 308106, Issued 12/10/20
<u>21-08-60C</u> Yusra Jamal Yonkers, NY 10710	(1) SRI Venkateswara University, Tirupati India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/05/12 (2) License # 306346, Issued 07/21/20
<u>21-09-60C</u> Sajid Mir Middletown, NY 10941	(1) Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/05/99 (2) License # 253317, Issued 06/01/09
<u>21-10-60C</u> Kanish Mirchia Camillus, NY 13031	(1) Nishtar Medical College, Multan, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/21/12 (2) License # 307788, Issued 11/16/20
<u>21-11-60C</u> Ghulam Mustafa Buffalo, NY 14223	(1) Government Medical College and Hospital Chandigarh, Chandigarh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/07/08 (2) License # 300217, Issued 07/15/19
<u>21-12-60C</u>	(1) University of Health Sciences Nishtar

Santhi Ratakonda White Plains, NY 10607	Medical College, Chandigarh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/01/79 (2) License # 196854, Issued 08/10/94
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RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law