



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
University of Pennsylvania Nurse Practitioner and Clinical
Nurse Specialist 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 the University of Pennsylvania license-qualifying Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist programs?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its April 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. Section 6908 of the Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons or students enrolled in educational programs registered by the State Education Department.

Background Information

The University of Pennsylvania seeks renewal of Regents permission to operate in New York State (NYS) and program registration in order to place nursing students in health care agencies for supervised clinical experiences in its license-qualifying, Nurse

Practitioner (NP) programs in the specialty areas of Adult Gerontology Acute Care and Adult Oncology leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree or to an Advanced Certificate (Adv. Cert.); and, for its license-qualifying Adult Oncology CNS program leading to the M.S.N. degree or to an Adv. Cert. 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 renewal for permission to operate effective April 4, 2017, which authorizes the University of Pennsylvania to use five clinical agencies to place a total of 12 nurse practitioner and 6 clinical nurse specialist students per academic 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 University of Pennsylvania first began offering graduate nursing programs in 1961 and in 1976 established midwifery, primary care, and gerontology and oncology graduate nursing programs. The mission of the School of Nursing is “to make a significant impact on health by advancing science, promoting equity, demonstrating practice excellence, and preparing leaders in the discipline of nursing.” The University is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The School of Nursing’s programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), Council on Accreditation (COA) for the nurse anesthesia program, the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), and fully approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. The University is seeking renewal of its permission to operate and registration of its Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP and Adult Oncology NP programs first registered with the department in 2003 and initial registration of the Adult Oncology CNS program.

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP will prepare nurses for the Acute Care NP license in NYS. The University awards one course unit (cu) for 45 hours of didactic course work; the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP, M.S.N. program is 12 cu and 560 clinical hours and three cu and 500 clinical hours for the program leading to the Adv. Cert. The Adult Oncology CNS, M.S.N. program is 11 cu of didactic clinical hours and 560 clinical hours; the Adv. Cert. is three cu and 560 clinical hours. The Adult Oncology program is license-qualifying for the Oncology CNS certification in NYS. A total of 18 students per academic year will be placed (12 NP students and 6 CNS students). The University has contractual agreements with five agencies in the greater metropolitan area: Westchester County Health Care Corporation, Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, Mount Sinai Hospital, NYU Hospital Center, and New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Nurse Practitioner students will be precepted by nurse practitioners or physicians in the specialty areas. Clinical Nurse Specialists will be precepted by clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, or physicians with specialty certification in oncology. All preceptors will be licensed/certified to practice in New York State. Preceptors will be responsible for completing a clinical evaluation for each student at the end of the clinical experience. Full-time faculty from School of Nursing at University of Pennsylvania will be in contact with preceptors during each placement; each clinical faculty member holds a minimum of a graduate degree in nursing, is board certified in the specialty and licensed in NYS. Student, faculty, and preceptors participate in regular program evaluation.

Department staff has determined that the proposed programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Commissioner’s Regulations and professional licensing requirements. The University is increasing the number of total students previously approved by six students; these students represent those enrolled in the CNS program. Currently there are no registered CNS programs in NYS in oncology. It has been determined that the number of students to be placed in agencies in NY will not negatively impact existing programs in NY.