



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:** April 29, 2021

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Beth A. ...*  
**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 May 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 three licensing petitions and eighteen 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 Board of 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, May 11, 2021.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on May 11, 2021

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing		
Registered Nursing		21-01-22					
Dentistry		21-05-50					
Medicine					21-32-60		21-27-60C To 21-44-60C
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date: 39 Total for calendar year to date: 60	

**Board of Regents: May 11, 2021**

**REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSING**

21-01-22

Liliya Kiseleva  
St. Paul, Minnesota

(Leningrad Pediatric Medical Institute, now St Petersburg Pediatric Medical Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia, Diploma of Nursing for Children’s Health Care Facility, 1988)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Ms. Kiseleva completed a three-year professional nursing program in the specialty area of pediatrics at the Leningrad Pediatric Medical Institute, now St Petersburg Pediatric Medical Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia. Ms. Kiseleva is requesting that her nursing program be accepted as the substantial equivalent of a registered general nursing program.

Section 6905 of New York State Education Law, and section §64.1(a)(3) of the Commissioner's Regulations, require that applicants for licensure in RPN must have received a diploma or degree in general nursing of at least two years in a country outside the United States or its territories and that the licensing authority or appropriate governmental agency of said country certifies to the Department as being preparation for practice as a registered professional nurse. Information previously provided by the school indicates that graduates of their pediatric nursing program are eligible to practice in medical institutions for adults as well as children.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Section 6905 of New York State Education Law and Section 64.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require:	
(1) Graduation from a general nursing program of at least two academic years in a country outside the United States that is satisfactory to the Department and recognized by the licensing authorities of that country as being preparation for practice as a registered professional nurse.	(1) Completed a three-year nursing program leading to the diploma of Medical Nurse in Nursing for Children’s Health Care Facilities.
(2) Satisfactory scores on the National Council Licensure Examination.	(2)
(3) Evidence of the required course in identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(3)

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions recommends that the applicant’s petition for acceptance of her nursing education be approved.

**NOW ELIGIBLE TO SIT FOR THE NCLEX EXAM**

**DENTISTRY**

21-05-50

Songmei Zhang

(Zhengzhou University Medical School, Zhengzhou, Henan, China, Bachelor of Stomatology, July 2002)

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. Zhang completed a five-year professional dental education program at Zhengzhou University in Zhengzhou, Henan, China. Therefore, she lacks one year (30 semester credits) of education, which is in the preprofessional area. However, Dr. Zhang also completed three years of graduate education culminating in a Doctor of Stomatology at Shanghai Jiaotong University.

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. Zhang 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 2019. 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) Three years of graduate education culminating in a Doctor of Stomatology at Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China, September 2006 until June 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 culminating in a Bachelor of Stomatology at Zhengzhou University, Zhengzhou, Henan, China, July 2002.
(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 2017 through December 2019.
(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**

21-32-60

Domenico Veneziano  
Reggio Calabria, Italy

(University of Messina, Messina, Italy, Diploma in Medicine and Surgery, April 2006)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Italy.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination, clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Veneziano's application. He recommends that Dr. Veneziano's Residency and Fellowship positions be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner's Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the licensure, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for licensure by endorsement. Dr. Veneziano obtained his medical license in Italy in 2006. His Italian license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Veneziano was admitted as a Fellow in the European Board of Urology as of June 2012 and completed a Medicine Doutoramento (Doctorate) program in Portugal in December 2020 (comparable to a US PhD program).

Representatives from the State Board for Medicine have previously reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Veneziano's application. With the recent documentation of Dr. Veneziano's studies in Portugal, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that his Italian license be endorsed, that his Doutoramento program and degree be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination, and that his Fellowship in the European Board of Urology be accepted to fulfill the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) University of Messina, Messina, Italy, Diploma in Medicine and Surgery, April 2006
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) University of Minho, Braga, Portugal, Doutor (PhD) in Medicine, December 2020
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Urology at Università degli Studi "Magna Graecia" in Catanzaro, Italy from June 2006 to July 2011. (3) (b) Surgical Simulation Fellowship at University of Minnesota Simulation PeriOperative Resource for Training and Learning, Minneapolis, Minnesota from October 2013 to October 2014.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Italian license, Ordine Provinciale Dei Medici Chirurghi E Degli Odontoiatri di Reggio Calabria, March 2006
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Fellowship in the European Board of Urology as of June 2012.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over five years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8)
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.



## 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>21-27-60C</u> Viswajit Anugu Staten Island, NY 10305	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences, Hyderabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/26/2013 (2) License # 289730, Issued 06/09/2017
<u>21-28-60C</u> Ninad Desai Fort Lee, NJ 07024	(1) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Mumbai, India Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/04/2013 (2) License # 299062, Issued 05/10/2019
<u>21-29-60C</u> Anup Deshpande Brooklyn, NY 11208	(1) Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/13/2011 (2) License # 308683, Issued 02/03/2021
<u>21-30-60C</u> Chisom Ekwuatu Roslyn, NY 11576	(1) University of Nigeria College of Medicine, Enugu, Nigeria, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/25/2013 (2) License # 294685, Issued 06/20/2018
<u>21-31-60C</u> Dharmesh Gopalakrishnan Lancaster, NY 14086	(1) University of Calicut, Kerala, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/1/2006 (2) License # 308886, Issued 02/19/2021
<u>21-32-60C</u> Alexander Hrycko New York, NY 10002	(1) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of

	Obstetrics, 05/25/2016 (2) License # 300508, Issued 08/06/2019
<u>21-33-60C</u> Fatima Janjua Brooklyn, NY 11209	(1) Baqai Medical College/Karachi Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/28/2006 (2) License # 302112, Issued 11/22/2019
<u>21-34-60C</u> Vetri Jayaprakasam New York, NY 10065	(1) The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University, Chennai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/22/1999 (2) License # 309060, Issued 03/01/2021
<u>21-35-60C</u> Sangeetha Kamath Farmingville, NY 11738	(1) Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/20/1995 (2) License # 225788, Issued 07/29/2002
<u>21-36-60C</u> Umashankkar Kannan New York, NY 10019	(1) The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University, Chennai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/29/2005 (2) License # 298288, Issued 03/27/2019
<u>21-37-60C</u> Akshay Khatri Glen Oaks, NY 11004	(1) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/08/2014 (2) License # 299911, Issued 06/25/2019
<u>21-38-60C</u> Ann Kim Closter, NJ 07624	(1) Korea Medical University, Seongbuk, South Korea, Bachelor of Medicine, 02/25/2004 (2) License # 307782, Issued 11/13/2020
<u>21-39-60C</u> Ruth O'Regan Pittsford, NY 14534	(1) University of Dublin School of Medicine, Belfield Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Obstetrics, 06/23/1988 (2) License # 308369, Issued 01/06/2021
<u>21-40-60C</u> Saurabhkumar Patel Brooklyn, NY 11234	(1) Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/28/2010 (2) License # 308487, Issued 01/19/2021
<u>21-41-60C</u> Abhishek Polavarapu Staten Island, NY 10314	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences, Guntur, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/19/2012 (2) License # 294250, Issued 06/01/2018
<u>21-42-60C</u> Hitesh Raheja New Rochelle, NY 10801	(1) Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/22/2013 (2) License # 301042, Issued 09/03/2019

<u>21-43-60C</u> Nitin Sharma Scarsdale, NY 10583	(1) B J Medical College of Pure, Pure, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/23/2002 (2) License # 303792, Issued 03/24/2020
<u>21-44-60C</u> Guillermo Valdes Montemayor New York NY 10023	(1) Escuela Medicina Ignacio Santos, Monterrey, Mexico, Physician and Surgeon, 02/12/2010 (2) License # 280656, Issued 06/24/2015

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