

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:

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SUBJECT:

Regents Permission to Operate in New York State: Yale University

DATE:

AUTHORIZATION(S):

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Regents approve the proposed extension of permission to operate in New York State for Yale University?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before full Board at its June 2013 meeting for final action.

Procedural History

Board of 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 is seeking an extension of Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place its students in health care agencies for supervised clinical experiences in its master's degree program titled Adult Advanced Practice Nursing with clinical specializations in acute care and oncology. Section 6908 of the Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons or students enrolled in educational programs that the State Education Department has registered. Each specialty program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). 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 June 18, 2013, which authorizes Yale University to use three clinical agencies in New York for the clinical education of four students in the Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner Program and four students in the Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program leading to a Master of Science in Nursing degree programs.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2018.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The Adult Advanced Practice Nursing program that prepares students to practice as Nurse Practitioners with clinical specializations in acute care and oncology was initially registered in September 2002, with authorization to place five to six students a year for clinical experiences at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Mount Sinai Hospital. The current request for renewal of authorization involves the placement of up to four nurse practitioner students in each program during the academic year at agencies with contractual agreements including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Mount Sinai Hospital or The State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn. Each nurse practitioner student will be precepted by a nurse practitioner or physician with a practice in the appropriate specialty area. Nine Yale University School of Nursing faculty members are involved in instructional activities. Four of these faculty members have master's degrees in nursing, are board certified in their respective fields, and currently practice as Nurse Practitioners. Five of the faculty members hold doctoral degrees, are board certified and have extensive clinical experience as Nurse Practitioners. Faculty appointed to supervise clinical instruction will communicate weekly with New York State preceptors and make one site visit during the academic semester.

The acute care and oncology nurse practitioner programs leading to a Master of Science in Nursing Degree (M.S.N.) require completion of 55 and 50 semester credits respectively. There are 934 clinical hours associated with the acute care program and 765 clinical hours associated with the oncology program. Graduates are eligible to become certified by national accrediting organizations as nurse practitioners. The School of Nursing is accredited by both the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Since 1929, Yale University has had continued institutional accreditation by The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Staff have determined that there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences at cooperating facilities if authorization is granted. Because of the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State, it should have no effect on New York institutions.

The Office of the Professions has determined that Yale University meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.