





**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech   
**SUBJECT:** Regents Permission to Operate in New York State: The George Washington University

**DATE:** September 8, 2014

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**   
**SUMMARY**

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate in New York State for The George Washington University?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its September 2014 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

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

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. The George Washington University seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner program and its Family Nurse Practitioner program leading either the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree or the Advanced Certificate in clinical experiences in New York. The University's Nursing programs are 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 permission to operate, effective September 16, 2014, which authorizes The George Washington University to use clinical agencies in New York to provide clinical education for a total of eight students enrolled in the Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner program or the Family Nurse Practitioner program both leading to the M.S.N. degree or the Advanced Certificate.

### Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until December 31, 2019.

## **INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION**

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the programs titled Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner.

The George Washington University requests permission to place up to two Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner students and six Family Nurse Practitioner students per academic year at clinical agencies located throughout the Capital Region, Hudson Valley Region and the New York City Region of the state. Contractual affiliations exist between the University and Albany Medical Center, Capital Care Medical Group, VA Hospital, Hudson River Healthcare and Montefiore Medical Center. In response to an objection made during the canvass process, the University withdrew its agreement with Orange-Regional Medical Center. The programs leading to the M.S. degree require completion of 48 credit hours including 600 clinical contact hours for the Adult-Gerontology specialty and 750 clinical contact hours for the Family specialty, the programs leading to the Advanced Certificate requires completion of a minimum of 17 credit hours including the defined clinical contact hours.

Individuals available to serve as preceptors for the clinical placements include physicians and nurse practitioners with practices in the areas required by the program focus. The preceptors will be responsible for mentoring, supervising and evaluating each student and providing feedback to the appropriate The George Washington University faculty member. The faculty members responsible for courses with clinical instruction in New York are experientially and academically prepared a minimum of the master's degree level. The identified faculty members for the proposed courses hold doctoral degrees with extensive practice experience in the specialty area. The George Washington University faculty members will also conduct a direct visit to each student in each location for evaluative purposes.

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) and fully approved by the Maryland State Board of Nursing. Staff has determined that these programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Because of the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State and the schools responsiveness to withdraw from a clinical site, there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences for New York Institutions at cooperating facilities if authorization is granted.