



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
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**SUBJECT:** Master Plan Amendment Applications  
**DATE:** September 2, 2021  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *[Signature]*

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment applications?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute (Education Law section 237)

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board of Regents for action at its September 2021 meeting.

**Procedural History**

Not applicable.

**Background Information**

When a college or university seeks to expand its academic mission (e.g., by offering a degree at a new level of study or in a new disciplinary area or establishing a new branch campus), it must submit a master plan amendment application for review and approval by the Board of Regents. Depending upon the nature of the proposed program that requires the master plan amendment, the application will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The

Regents must approve an amendment of an institution's master plan before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

An academic review of each of the proposed master plan amendments has been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Following the standard protocol, the Department conducted a canvass of degree-granting institutions in the respective regions. There were no objections or statements of negative impact from canvassed institutions. If a charter amendment is also necessary (e.g., to establish a new branch campus) it is indicated on the summary table and the charter amendment is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve each master plan amendment applications on the attached summary table.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendments, the Department will register the proposed programs, and the institutions will proceed to enroll students. Master plan amendments for institutions within the SUNY and CUNY systems must be transmitted to the Governor for approval prior to registration of the programs and enrollment of students.

**Master Plan Amendment Summary Table**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Master Plan Amendment</b>
SUNY Plattsburgh Branch Campus at Adirondack Community College	OHE	Queensbury, NY	Authorization to offer first program in the Physical Sciences discipline area, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computer Security
Trocaire College	OHE	Buffalo, NY	Authorization to offer first program in the Business discipline area, Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S) in Management and authorization to offer first program in the Biological Sciences discipline, Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.) in Biology
Le Moyne College	OP	Syracuse, NY	Authorization to offer first program in the health professions discipline area at the doctoral level, Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) in Family Nurse Practitioner <sup>1</sup>
Touro College- Middletown Campus	OP	Middletown, NY	Authorization to offer first program in the health professions discipline area at the master's level, Master of Science (M.S.) in Physician Assistant.

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<sup>1</sup> A charter amendment for this action is on the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda this month.