



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: David H. Hamilton *David H. Hamilton*

SUBJECT: Rochester General College of Health Careers: Application for Permanent Degree Authority to Confer Degrees

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents grant permanent degree authority, extend provisional degree authority, or deny permanent degree authority to Rochester General College of Health Careers?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Full Board for consideration at its September 2025 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Pursuant to Section 224 of the Education Law, the consent of the Board of Regents is required for institutions to award degrees. Section 3.59 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorizes the Board of Regents to determine whether to grant permanent authority past the term of the previously granted provisional authority.

At its September 2020 meeting, the Board of Regents granted Rochester General College of Health Careers, provisional degree-granting authority for five years. The College submitted an application for permanent degree-granting authority in March 2025.

Background Information

Rochester General College of Health Careers in Rochester, New York, is a not-for-profit educational corporation, established and incorporated by the Board of Regents in 2020. The College is sponsored by the affiliating healthcare organization, Rochester Regional Health, a New York State not-for-profit corporation. The College is accredited by The Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) and offers AAS degree programs in Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology and a credit-bearing certificate program in Practical Nursing.

In November 2024, staff members conducted a site visit to the College. Based on the findings of the site visit, the annual reports submitted by the program, and additional information obtained during the review of the request for permanent degree granting authority, it is determined that the College meets all the provisions for permanent degree granting authority.

Related Regents Items

[September 2020: Master Plan Amendment: Rochester General College of Health Careers](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/920brca10.pdf)

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[September 2020: Provisional Charter Amendment: Rochester General College of Health Careers](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/920bra1.pdf)

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents grant permanent authority to confer degrees.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents action will take effect immediately.