



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate School and University Center (Graduate Center): Authorization to Award the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Degree

DATE: August 28, 2025

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Bellamy*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of CUNY to confer the M.D. degree at the CUNY Graduate Center?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its September 2025 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

CUNY City College currently offers an M.D. program. At its meeting on June 24, 2024, the Board of Trustees of CUNY authorized the transition of the M.D. program to the CUNY Graduate Center, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. On March 11, 2025, the Department received the request.

Background Information

Paragraph (8) of §6206 of the Education Law authorizes the CUNY trustees to: "...grant the certificates, diplomas and degrees which were announced in the bulletins of the existing public institutions of higher learning published for the term beginning immediately prior to April sixteenth, nineteen hundred twenty-six, and also such other degrees and honors as the Regents thereafter specifically authorized or may hereafter authorize it to grant."

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents the CUNY Graduate Center's first use of the M.D. degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the M.D. degree.

At the CUNY Graduate Center, the Trustees are currently authorized to award the following degrees: Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Music (Mus.B. and B.M.), Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.), Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.), Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), Doctor of Professional Studies (D.P.S.), Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.), Doctor of Nursing Science (D.N.S.), Doctor of Public Health (D.P.H.), and Doctor of Social Welfare (D.S.W.).

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the M.D. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the M.D. program at the CUNY Graduate Center effective September 9, 2025.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve the degree authorization, the Department will register the Medical Education program leading to the M.D. degree.