

**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Frank Muñoz

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding

Licensing Petitions

**DATE:** August 31, 2010

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 3

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

## **Summary**

## Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions as listed on the attachment?

## Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full board at its September 2010 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### Procedural History

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.

## Background Information

There are 18 licensing petitions and 26 requests for the conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine for review and approval.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding licensing petitions.

# Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective September 14, 2010.

# Cases Presented to Board of Regents on: September 14, 2010

## **SUMMARY REPORT**

PROFESSION	EDUCATION		EXAMINATION			Confer Degree Doctor of	Three-Year Limited	
	Pre- Professional	Professional	Post- Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing	Experience		License
Certified Public Accountancy					10-05-07 10-06-07			
Creative Arts Therapy		10-01-05						
Chiropractic	10-02-70				10-02-70			
Dentistry	10-09-50	10-06-50 to 10-09-50						10-02-59
Medicine		10-99-60* 10-100-60**	10-99-60* 10-100-60**	10-99-60* 10-100-60**	10-99-60* 10-100-60**		10-98-60C to 10-123-60C	
Physical Therapist Assistant		10-08-62						
Psychology		10-02-68						
Veterinary Medicine								10-12-74 to 10-16-74

OTHER: \*Endorsement of Medical License from France

\*\*Endorsement of Medical License from the general Medical Council

Total for fiscal year to date:

129

Total for calendar year to date: 171

## **CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY**

10-01-05 Renee van der Vennet Pittsford, NY 14534-2101

(Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Ph.D. in Human Services, 2002)

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of education as the substantial equivalent of an approved degree program in creative arts therapy.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Dr. van der Vennet completed a doctoral program in Human Services at Capella University with a specialization in Professional Counseling. However, Commissioner's Regulations require a degree in creative arts therapy for licensure as a creative arts therapist in New York State. The University offers degrees in Human Services in Counseling Psychology and Professional Counseling but not in creative arts therapy.

As attested by the school, the applicant designed an individualized program in art therapy as part of her doctoral study so that she could meet both the Texas state licensing requirements for a licensed professional counselor and the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) requirements to be a Board Certified Registered Art Therapist. The University reports that she completed 68 quarter hours in art therapy, 20 quarter hours in studio art, and 44 quarter hours in psychology related courses and also reports she was accepted by AATA as having an appropriate degree for professional membership.

Dr. van der Vennet became a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Texas in June 2004 and subsequently became a Registered Art Therapist – Board Certified with the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) "through a special limited time offer, allowing those with a state mental health licensure to obtain Board Certification." ATCB also reported that "she did NOT take and pass the Art Therapy Credentials Board examination."

A review of the applicant's Capella University doctoral study indicates that although she appears to have substantially met required NYS creative arts therapy curricular content, it is not clear that Dr. van der Vennet has sufficient satisfactory study in the content area of Foundations of Creative Arts Therapy. Also, while she completed through Capella a 700-hour supervised practicum of field experience in the "practice and training of counseling services" with a planned "focus on art therapy," an undetermined amount was specifically in creative arts therapy (art therapy). The contract notes that other professional activities would include "art therapy and expressive art approaches as applicable to work with clients." Three hundred hours of the field experience was used to meet Texas requirements for its credential of Licensed Professional Counselor. Approximately 50 hours was applied toward New York State's requirement for clinical instruction as preparation for internship. Commissioner's Regulations require a minimum of 500 clock hours of practicum/internship to be devoted exclusively to the practice of creative arts therapy. The documentation received does not clearly indicate that the applicant met this requirement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 8404 of the Education Law and Part 52.34 and Subpart 79-11 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (for those who do not qualify under section 79-11.7 Licensure by endorsement of certain licensed creative arts therapists):	
(1) a) Master's or higher degree in creative	(1) (a) See Statement of Problem.
arts therapy b) graduate program including at least 48 semester credits (or equivalent), satisfactory curricular contents, and a supervised internship (practicum) in the practice of creative arts therapy of at least 500 clock hours.	(1) (b) See Statement of Problem.
(2) Supervised post-master's experience providing creative arts therapy of at least 1,500 clock hours acceptable to the Department.	(2)
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory licensing examination	(3)
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Evidence of good moral character.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Mental Health Practitioners, recommends that the professional education requirement be considered satisfied once the applicant has submitted documentation of the satisfactory completion of an additional graduate course in the foundations of creative arts therapy and 200 hours of creative arts therapy internship, both through a regionally accredited college with an established graduate program in creative arts therapy.

## **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

10-05-07 Dina Biondolillo Wheatley Heights, NY

(St. Joseph's College, Patchogue, New York, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, January 2005)

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) Examination.

Statement of Problem: Ms. Biondolillo sat for and passed the Regulation (REG) section of the Examination for the first time in May 2008. She needed to pass the remaining three sections by December 31, 2009 to retain credit for the REG section. She passed Auditing and Attestation (AUD) in August 2008 and the Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) section in November 2008, both within the 18-month conditioning period. She attempted, but failed, the remaining Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) section in May, August and November 2009. She passed the BEC section in February 2010. Since this was two months past the conditioning period, she lost credit for the REG section. As she now had passing grades on three sections of the Examination, her 18-month conditional clock reset and she had until March 31, 2010 to pass the REG section for the second time. Ms. Biondolillo did not pass the REG section until April 23, 2010, 23 days outside of the 18-month conditioning period.

Ms. Biondolillo's efforts to prepare for and pass the four sections of the Examination within 18 months were interrupted by unexpected family obligations from March through August 2009. Because she had lost credit for the REG section during this period and did not know that she could petition for waiver of the 18-month conditioning period at that time, she sat for this section once in February 2010 and lost credit, then sat for and passed it in the next available testing window in April 2010 to reestablish her credit, just one month outside of the 18-month conditional period.

Based on the documentation provided and her continued efforts to pass both the BEC and FAR sections of the Examination, despite the time constraints and stress resulting from her unexpected family obligations, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports her petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) A bachelor's or higher degree based on a	(1) St. Joseph's College, Bachelor of
program in accountancy.	Science in Accounting, January 2005.
(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA	(2) (a) July 2005 through November 2007:
Examination.	Business Environment and Concepts,

	Regulation, Auditing and Attestation and Financial Accounting and Reporting (failing scores).  (b) April 2008: Regulation (passing score).  (c) August 2008: Auditing and Attestation (passing score).  (d) November 2008: Financial Accounting and Reporting (passing score).  (e) May through November 2009: Business Environment and Concepts (failing scores).  (f) February 2010: Business Environment and Concepts (passing score); Regulation (failing score)
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	(g) April 2010: Regulation (passing score).
(3) One year of satisfactory experience.	(3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

## **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

10-06-07 Deepali Pombra West Babylon, NY

(Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, December 2003)

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) Examination.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Deepali Pombra, an applicant for licensure as a CPA, recently passed the four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination, but exceeded the 18-month conditioning requirement.

Ms. Pombra originally received conditional credit for passing the computer-based Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) section of the Examination in July 2008. She subsequently passed the computer-based Auditing and Attestation (AUD) section in October 2008 and the Regulation (REG) section in May 2009. Ms. Pombra needed to pass the fourth section, Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR), by March 31, 2010 to retain credit for the BEC section she passed in July 2008. Ms. Pombra passed the FAR section in May 2010, two months after losing conditional credit for BEC. Additionally, her credit for the AUD section expired on June 30, 2010 as she was preparing the materials necessary to pursue a waiver of the 18-month conditioning period.

Ms. Pombra was on schedule to pass the FAR section of the examination within the 18-month conditioning period; however, her ability to sit for that section was severely impacted by personal factors in February 2010. The Department received supporting documentation of those factors.

Based on the documentation and Ms. Pombra's successful attempt to pass the FAR section in the next available testing window after the onset of the personal factors, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports her petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) A bachelor's or higher degree based on a program in accountancy.	(2) Hofstra University, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, December 2003.

(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	<ul> <li>(2) (a) February 2005 through May 2007: Business Environment and Concepts, Regulation, Auditing and Attestation and Financial Accounting and Reporting (failing scores).</li> <li>(b) July 2008: Business Environment and Concepts (passing score).</li> <li>(c) October 2008: Auditing and Attestation (passing score).</li> <li>(d) January 2009: Regulation (failing score).</li> <li>(e) May 2009: Regulation (passing score).</li> <li>(f) August 2009 through February 2010: Financial Accounting and Reporting (failing scores).</li> <li>(g) May 2010: Financial Accounting and Reporting (passing score).</li> </ul>
(3) One year of satisfactory experience.	(3)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

#### **DENTISTRY**

10-06-50 Alina Roxana Dellanzo Albany, New York 12206

(University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila," Bucharest, Romania, Physician-Stomatologist, October 2000).

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Applicant did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school. Dr. Dellanzo enrolled in the two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the Eastman Dental Center of the University of Rochester and successfully completed the program in June 2010. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the	
Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre-	(1) University of Medicine and Pharmacy
professional education including courses in	"Carol Davila," Bucharest, Romania, 1994-
general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology	1996, including required subjects.
or zoology, and physics.	
(2) Four academic years of dental education	(2) Four years of acceptable dental education
culminating in a degree in an acceptable	(1996-2000) at the University of Medicine
dental school.	and Pharmacy "Carol Davila," Bucharest,
	Romania, Physician-Stomatologist, October 2000.
(3) Two academic years of study in an	(3) Two-year Certificate of Advanced
accredited dental school program culminating	Education in Dentistry, Eastman Dental Center
in certification that the applicant has achieved	of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New
the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency	York, June 2010.
expected of a graduate of that school.	
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the	(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of
National Dental Board Examinations.	the National Dental Board Examinations.
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental	(5)
residency program of at least one year's	
duration.	

(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6) U.S. citizen.
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and	(7) Completed the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and
maltreatment.	maltreatment.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that Dr. Dellanzo's professional education requirements for licensure be considered satisfied.

#### **DENTISTRY**

10-07-50 Marcello Guglielmi Rochester, New York 14623

(Universita Degli Studi Di Roma "La Sapienza," Rome, Italy, Doctor of Odontology, April 2004).

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Applicant did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school. Dr. Guglielmi enrolled in the two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the Eastman Dental Center of the University of Rochester and successfully completed the program in June 2009. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre- professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1)(a) One year of pre-professional education at the Professional Institute of Dental Technicinas "George Eastman," Rome, Italy, 1991-1992. (1)(b) First year of a five-year dental program at the Universita Degli Studi Di Roma, "La Sapienza," Rome, Italy, 1992-1993.
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Four years of acceptable dental education at the Universita Degli Di Roma, "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy, culminating in the Doctor of Odontology, April 2004. Study was taken over the period 1993 through 2003.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year Certificate of Advanced Education in Dentistry, Eastman Dental Center of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, June 2009.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5)

(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6)
(7) Evidence of the required course in the	(7)
identification and reporting of child abuse and	
maltreatment.	

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that Dr. Guglielmi's professional education requirements for licensure be considered satisfied.

## **DENTISTRY**

10-08-50 Joanne Uy Lim Rochester, New York 14620 4011

(University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines, Doctor of Dental Medicine, April 2000).

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Applicant did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school. Dr. Lim enrolled in the two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the Eastman Dental Center of the University of Rochester and successfully completed the program in June 2010. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre- professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) Two years of pre-professional education, University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines, 1994-1996.
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Four years of acceptable dental education at the University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines, culminating in the Doctor of Dental Medicine, April 2000.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year Certificate of Advanced Education in Dentistry, Eastman Dental Center of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, June 2010.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4)
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5)
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6)
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that Dr. Lim's professional education requirements for licensure be considered satisfied.

## **DENTISTRY**

10-09-50 Nadejda Stefanova Stephens Rochester, New York 14620

(Higher Medical Institute "Ivan P. Pavlov" – Plovdiv, Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Diploma of Completion of Higher Education in Stomatology, October 1992)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure in dentistry to complete not less than 60 semester hours of pre-professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics. Dr. Stefanova Stephens completed a five-year dental program that included one year of pre-professional education, including courses in general chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics. Therefore, she lacks one year of pre-professional education and coursework in organic chemistry. However, following dental school, she completed a Postgraduate Residency program with a specialty in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery through the Faculty of Dental Medicine at the Medical University – Varna in Bulgaria from December 1992 to December 1996. She also completed studies as part of the International Specialty Training Program at New York University College of Dentistry from 2007-2008. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry recommends that the Postgraduate Residency program and International Specialty Training Program studies be considered as fulfillment of the remaining pre-professional education requirement.

Additionally, Dr. Stefanova Stephens did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school. She enrolled in the two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and successfully completed the program in June 2010. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in Regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre- professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	<ul> <li>(1)(a) Higher Medical Institute "Ivan P.</li> <li>Pavlov" – Plovdiv, Plovdiv, Bulgaria, 1987-</li> <li>1988.</li> <li>(1)(b) See Statement of Problem.</li> </ul>
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Four years of acceptable dental education culminating in the degree of Diploma of Completion of Higher Education in

	Stomatology, Higher Medical Institute "Ivan P. Pavlov" – Plovdiv, Plovdiv, Bulgaria, October 1992.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) See Statement of Problem.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4)
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5)
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6) U.S. citizen.
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7) Completed the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's preprofessional and professional education requirements be considered satisfied.

#### THREE YEAR LIMITED LICENSE IN DENTISTRY

<u>Petition for</u>: Three-year limited license to practice Dentistry under Section 6604(6) of the Education Law.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: The applicant listed below has satisfied the education and examination requirements for licensure as a dentist in New York State. The only requirement for full licensure that cannot be satisfied at this time is United States citizenship or immigration status as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

The applicant has an opportunity to practice dentistry in an area which has been designated a Federal Dental Health Professions Shortage Area and requests a three-year waiver of the citizenship requirement under Section 6604(6) of the Education Law. Each applicant must sign an affidavit stating the exact location of the shortage area where he/she will practice before the three-year limited license will be issued.

Applicable Guidelines: Section 6604(6) of Education Law relates to the requirement of United States citizenship or permanent resident status for licensure as a dentist in New York State and allows the Board of Regents to grant a one-time, three-year waiver of this requirement for an alien dentist to practice in New York State if all other licensure requirements are satisfied and to grant an additional extension not to exceed six years to enable the alien to secure citizenship or permanent resident status, provided such status is being actively pursued.

	NAME OF PETITIONER
10-02-59	
Laila-Christine Assaad	
New York, NY 10032	
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**ACTION**: The Department shall issue a three-year limited license to the applicant to practice dentistry in New York State in a Federal Dental Health Professions Shortage Area upon approval by the Department of all documentation needed to verify satisfaction of all dentistry licensure requirements other than citizenship and an acceptable Affidavit of Agreement on the applicant's location of employment. The limited license may be renewed upon the lawful submission of an application for an extension of not more than six years, at the discretion of the Department.

## PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

10-08-62 Joseph Caruso Utica, NY 13501

(Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, B. S. in Clinical Health/Physical Therapy, May 17, 2009 and 34 of 44 credits required for the M. S. in Physical Therapy)

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of education as being the substantial equivalent of a registered program.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Mr. Caruso did not complete a physical therapist assistant or physical therapy program as required by Commissioner's Regulations for licensure as a physical therapist assistant. He successfully completed the entire baccalaureate portion of the combined B.S./M.S. program in Clinical Health/Physical Therapy and 34 of the 44 credits required for the M.S. in Physical Therapy at Ithaca College except for two remaining clinical practice courses. The applicant is requesting that his studies be considered equivalent to an approved program for physical therapist assistants.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 6740 of the Education Law and Part 77 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require:	
(1) Completion of a two-year New York State registered licensure-qualifying program or a college program accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) for physical therapist assistants OR  Completion of a physical therapy program determined by the department to be the equivalent to a registered physical therapist assistant program.	(1) Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, B. S. in Clinical Health/Physical Therapy, May 17, 2009 and 34 of 44 credits in the M. S. in Physical Therapy from Fall 2009 – Spring 2010 in an approved Physical Therapy program.
(2) Evidence of good moral character.	(2) Good moral character.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Physical Therapy, recommends that the applicant's education be accepted as the equivalent of a registered physical therapist assistant program upon documentation of passing scores on the national physical therapy or physical therapist assistant examination.

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

10-<u>02-68</u>

Patricia Michelle Kelly Chester Heights, Pennsylvania 19017 0534

(Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Ph.D., Human Development, December 1989).

Petition for: Acceptance of education

Statement of Problem: To fulfill the education requirement for licensure in psychology, Section 72.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires that an applicant present evidence of a doctoral degree in psychology awarded upon completion of a doctoral program in psychology registered by the department and designated as licensure qualifying, or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent in design, scope, content and resources to a New York Stateregistered program that is licensure qualifying.

Dr. Kelly graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a Ph.D. in Human Development in 1989. The college attested that the program was not in its psychology department, but it also attested that the program prepared students for the practice of psychology. Marc S. Schulz, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Director of the Clinical Developmental Psychology Program at Bryn Mawr College has confirmed in a letter to the Department that Dr. Kelly was in a doctoral program entirely staffed by psychologists and that the program prepared students for careers in clinical, counseling, and school psychology, as well as in social, developmental and educational psychology. He also stated that in 1985, the Human Development doctoral program was replaced by the doctoral program in Clinical Developmental Psychology. Students well along in the Human Development doctoral program completed that program. New students entered the Clinical Developmental Psychology Department which is now officially housed in the Department of Psychology. Dr. Schulz noted that the primary difference between the two programs was that Human Development students were not required to do a full-time internship. A full-time internship is not listed on Dr. Kelly's transcript.

Form 4 was submitted by Dr. Linda K. Knaus in September 2009 attesting to the experience of Dr. Kelly as an intern from 9/1/87 to 8/31/88 (dates in which she was enrolled in the doctoral program) at the Eastern State School and Hospital in Pennsylvania, noting that it was a university-required doctoral internship. She completed 2000 hours of experience. In July 2010, The Executive Secretary of the New York State Board for Psychology communicated with Dr. Knaus by e-mail and received the following information: Dr. Kelly completed the internship as a part of the Bryn Mawr doctoral program requirements. The internship was a part of the APPIC (national matching entity for applicants for doctoral internships in psychology) selection program, and the scope, content and supervision for Dr. Kelly was the same as that for all other interns completing their doctoral internship requirement. The internship was intended to integrate knowledge and practice at the doctoral level.

Dr. Kelly was licensed in Pennsylvania on April 20, 1990 based on examination and received a score of 155 on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. A score of 155 was well above the passing score in New York State of 140 for that date and form of the examination. Dr. Kelly has also been licensed as a psychologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the States of Delaware and Maryland. No evidence of disciplinary action has been reported by these states. Information on Dr. Kelly's professional practice has been reported by Lauren Whitehead, M.A, J.D. on behalf of Dr. Kelly, but cannot be used since Ms. Whitehead is Dr. Kelly's employee.

Dr. Kelly is the president of Kelly Counseling and Consulting in Chester Heights, Pennsylvania and employs several psychologists, psychiatrists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors and accepts interns. Her website provides information on these services. No additional documentation has been submitted to demonstrate experience. For persons who completed a doctoral program prior to October 1, 1992, experience may have been gained at the internship and post-internship periods, but does not have to be post-doctoral. On that basis, all of the 2000 hours of internship experience can be accepted.

From the documentation that has been received and based on the history of this Department in determining that persons who have completed a doctoral program with a different title and/or in a different department, but whose university has declared that it has prepared persons for the practice of psychology and whose education has essentially met the Section 52.10 curricular requirements, the Department and the Executive Secretary for the State Board for Psychology recommend that Dr. Kelly's petition be approved.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 7603 and 6507 of the Education	
Law and Section 72.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education	
(1) Acceptable doctoral degree and program	(1) See Statement of Problem.
in psychology.	
(2) Two years satisfactory supervised	(2) See Statement of Problem
experience.	
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory	(3) EPPP with a score well above the NYS
licensing examination.	passing score and date
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Evidence of good moral character.
(5) Evidence of completion of the required	(5) Evidence of completion of the required
course in identification and reporting of child	course in identification and reporting of child
abuse and maltreatment.	abuse and maltreatment.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary for the State Board for Psychology, recommends that the applicant's education be approved as the substantial equivalent of a doctoral program in psychology registered by the Department.

#### **CHIROPRACTIC**

10-02-70 Robert Lance Wiedemann Davenport, Iowa 52803

(Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, Doctor of Chiropractic, 1977)

<u>Petition for</u>: Waiver of the requirements pertaining to acceptability of licensing examinations and acceptance of pre-professional education.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Dr. Wiedemann took and passed the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Part I examination in April 1976 and the Part II examination in April 1977. The applicant has documented over 14 years of professional practice. Commissioner's Regulations permit acceptance of passing grades on the NBCE examinations administered subsequent to September 1, 1977. The State Board for Chiropractic has recommended, since April 1992, that all NBCE Part I and Part II passing scores be accepted regardless of the date of administration.

In addition, Dr. Wiedemann has not documented satisfactory completion of a college course in physics. Section 24.3 (a) of the Commissioner's Regulations allows the Committee on the Professions (COP) to waive up to six semester hours of preprofessional education. Department staff support such action by the COP.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 6554 and 6507 of the Education Law:	
(1) Two years of satisfactory pre-professional	(1) Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1970 –
college study.	1971, 16 semester credits; Muscatine
	Community College, Muscatine, Iowa, A.S.,
	1974.
	(Also, see Statement of Problem.)
(2) Completion of a satisfactory chiropractic	(2) Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport,
program of at least four academic years.	Iowa, Doctor of Chiropractic, 1977.
(3) Acceptable scores on satisfactory licensing examinations.	(3)(a) See Statement of Problem.
	(3)(b) Clinical competency examinations
	passed in Tennessee, May 1977.
(4) United States citizenship or immigration	(4) United States citizen.
status as an alien lawfully admitted for	
permanent residence in the United States.	
(5) Good moral character.	(5)
(6) Evidence of the required course in the	(6)
identification and reporting of child abuse and	
maltreatment.	
and Section 59.6 of the Regulations of the	
Commissioner of Education requires, in	
addition, for endorsement:	

(1) License in good standing in another state.	(1) Licensed in Iowa, October 1977 and was
	licensed in Montana, July 1977 (inactive);
	Tennessee, August 1977 (inactive);
	Washington, August 1977 (inactive); and
	Wisconsin, February 1982 (inactive).
(2) Evidence of at least two years of	(2) Evidence of over fourteen years of
satisfactory experience following licensure.	acceptable experience.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Chiropractic, recommends that the applicant's education be approved and that the combination of examinations in conjunction with other qualifications be accepted for endorsement.

## THREE-YEAR LIMITED LICENSE IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

<u>Petition for:</u> Three-year limited license to practice veterinary medicine under Section 6704(6) of the Education Law.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: The applicants listed below have met the education and examination requirements for licensure as veterinarians in New York State. The only requirement for full licensure that cannot be satisfied at this time is United States citizenship or immigration status as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

Each applicant also has a pending application for full veterinary medical licensure, which cannot be granted until he/she satisfies the citizenship or permanent residency requirement.

<u>Applicable Guidelines</u>: Section 6704(6) of Education Law relates to the requirement of United States citizenship or permanent resident status for licensure as a veterinarian in New York State and allows the Board of Regents to grant a one-time three-year waiver (plus an extension of not more than one year) for an alien veterinarian to practice in New York State if all other licensure requirements are satisfied.

Name of Petitioner		
10-12-74		
Carly Elizabeth Czuba		
New York, NY 10128		
<u>10-13-74</u>		
Michael Robert Gordon Delliere		
Valatie, NY 12184-4212		
<u>10-14-74</u>		
Shane Kurt Erich Donner		
St. Jacobs, Ontario, Canada N0B 2N0		
10-15-74		
Yuko Kato		
Sumaku, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan 654 0054		
10-16-74		
Odette G. Suter		
Newhall, CA 91321		

**ACTION:** The Department shall issue a limited license for a maximum of three years to practice veterinary medicine in New York State to each applicant, conditional upon Approval by the Department of all documentation needed to verify satisfaction of all veterinary medicine licensure requirements other than citizenship. The limited license may be renewed upon the lawful submission of an application for an extension of not more than one year, at the discretion of the Department.

## **MEDICINE**

10-99-60 Daniel Cherqui 94000 Creteil, France

(Universite Paris XII Val-De-Marne, UFR De Creteil, Creteil Cedex, France, State Diploma of Doctor of Medicine, June 1987).

<u>Petition for</u>: Endorsement of his medical license from France.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Commissioner's Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable clinical competency examination, three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. Cherqui has not failed any part of the licensing examinations used by New York State. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Cherqui's application. He recommends that Dr. Cherqui's seven years of postgraduate training in France and one-year of postgraduate training in the United States be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure. Commissioner's Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the licensure and clinical competency requirements for endorsement. Dr. Cherqui has been licensed by the Conseil Departemental de l' Ordre Des Medecins du Val de Marne, Creteil, France since 1988. His license is active and in good standing. The applicant was also admitted as a Specialist in General Surgery by the Conseil Departemental de l' Ordre Des Medecins du Val de Marne, Creteil, France in 1991. The Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has previously accepted these qualifications to fulfill licensure and clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1 and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
	(1) Universite Perio VII Vel De Merne LIED De
(1) Six years of postsecondary education,	(1) Universite Paris XII Val-De-Marne, UFR De
including at least 32 months of medical	Creteil (1974-1980), Creteil Cedex, France,
education.	State Diploma of Doctor of Medicine, June
	1987.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Standard ECFMG Certificate, 1988.

(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Residency in internal medicine from October 1980 through October 1986, Assistance Hopitaux Publique De Paris, Paris, France. (3)(b) Fellowship in Hepatobiliary Surgery and Liver Transplantation from October 1986 through October 1987, Henri Bismuth Hepatobiliary Institute Villejuif Cedex, France. (3)(c) Fellowship in Hepatobiliary Surgery and Liver Transplantation from October 1987 through October 1988 at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Conseil Departemental de l' Ordre Des Medecins du Val de Marne, Creteil, France, 1988.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Specialist in General Surgery, Conseil Departemental de l' Ordre Des Medecins du Val de Marne, Creteil, 1991.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Twenty-two years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8) Good moral character.
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9) Completed the required course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's postgraduate hospital training requirement be considered satisfied and that the requirements for endorsement of his medical license from France be considered satisfied.

# **MEDICINE**

10-100-60 Kumarasen Cooper South Burlington, Vermont 05403

(University of Natal, Durban, South Africa, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, May 1981).

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from the General Medical Council.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Commissioner's Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable clinical competency examination, three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. Cooper has not failed any part of the licensing examinations used by New York State. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Cooper's application. He recommends that Dr. Cooper's six years of postgraduate training (including a year of internship and five years of residency in anatomical pathology in South Africa) be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure. Commissioner's Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the licensure, proficiency examination and clinical competency requirements for endorsement. Dr. Cooper has been licensed by the General Medical Council since 1998. His license is active and in good standing. The applicant was admitted as a Fellow of the Faculty of Pathologists of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (1985) and also as a Member (1987) and Fellow (1997) of the Royal College of Pathologists of London. The Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has previously accepted these qualifications to fulfill licensure, proficiency examination and clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1 and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	<ul> <li>(1)(a) University of Natal (1976-1981),</li> <li>Durban, South Africa, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, May 1981.</li> <li>(1)(b) University of Oxford, Linacre College, Oxford, England, Doctor of Philosophy in Pathology, September 1992.</li> </ul>

(a) B (i i	(0) = 11
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Fellow of the Faculty of Pathologists of
	the College of Medicine of South Africa,
	Cape Town, South Africa, 1985.
(2) Three years of approved postgraduate	(3)(a) Internship from January 1981 through
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate	
hospital training.	December 1981 at King Edward VIII Hospital,
	Durban, South Africa.
	(3)(b) Residency in anatomical pathology
	from January 1982 through December 1986
	at the University of Natal, Durban, South
70.	Africa.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) General Medical Council license, 1998.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical	(5) Member (1987) and Fellow (1997) of the
competency examination acceptable to the	Royal College of Pathologists of London,
Department.	London, England.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory	(6) Over ten years of satisfactory professional
professional experience.	experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully	(7) U.S. citizen.
admitted for permanent resident status in the	
United States.	
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8) Good moral character.
(9) Evidence of the required course in the	(9) Certificate of Exemption.
identification and reporting of child abuse and	
maltreatment.	

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's postgraduate hospital training requirement be considered satisfied and that the requirements for endorsement of his medical license from the General Medical Council be considered satisfied.

#### MEDICINE

<u>Petition for</u>: Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

<u>Summary Statement</u>: The petitioners listed below are all graduates of foreign medical schools who have been licensed in New York.

The applicable requirements of Section 3.57 of the Rules of the Board of Regents require completion of a medical education program in a foreign medical school satisfactory to the Department which does not grant the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and in which the philosophy and curriculum were equivalent, as determined by the Department in accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents, to those in programs leading to the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at medical schools in the United States satisfactory to, or registered by, the Board of Regents and the Department. Secondly, petitioners must have licensure to practice medicine in New York State in accordance with provisions of Section 6524 or 6528 of the Education Law or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to their authority under Section 6506 of the Education Law.

NAME OF PETITIONER	QUALIFICATIONS
10-98-60C	<ul> <li>(1) Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada,</li></ul>
Subbarao Bhimani	India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of
Bethpage, NY 11714	Surgery, 11/13/80. <li>(2) License #237173, issued on 8/4/05.</li>
10-99-60C Ashok Devasenapathy Hummelstown, PA 17036	<ul> <li>(1) University of Madras, Chennai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 4/27/91.</li> <li>(2) License #257672, issued on 6/30/10.</li> </ul>
10-100-60C	<ul> <li>(1) Madras Medical College, Chennai, India,</li></ul>
Kavitha Gopal	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,
New York, NY 10003	5/3/02. <li>(2) License #248681, issued on 5/16/08.</li>
10-101-60C	<ul> <li>(1) Beijing Medical University, Beijing,</li></ul>
Mingqian Huang	People's Republic of China, Bachelor of
New York, NY 10010	Medicine, 7/1/95. <li>(2) License #246541, issued on 10/19/07.</li>
10-102-60C Patrick Reid West Islip, NY 11795	(1) University College-London, London, England, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/15/98. (2) License #242664 issued on 12/18/06.
10-103-60C	<ul> <li>(1) Madurai Medical College, Madurai, India,</li></ul>
Anita Ravi	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,
Brooklyn, NY 11220	5/3/02. <li>(2) License #249412, issued on 7/3/08.</li>

10-104-60C	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara,
Tiffany Weathers Vandiver	Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician &
Rogers, AR 72758	Surgeon, 12/5/00.
	(2) License #232671, issued on 6/7/04.
10-105-60C	(1) University College of Galway, Galway,
Deirdre Wheat	Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Surgery &
Amherst, NY 14226	Obstetrics, 6/17/93. (2) License #257326, issued on 6/6/10.
10-106-60C	(1) Lady Harding Medical College Hospital,
Shruti Aggarwal	India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of
Middletown, NY 10940	Surgery, 4/4/87.
·	(2) License #003607, issued on 7/1/10.
<u>10-107-60C</u>	(1) Ain Shams University, Allasya, Egypt,
Mohamed Aziz	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,
Bellmore, NY 11710	12/1/78.
40 400 606	(2) License #219815, issued on 11/21/00.
10-108-60C Renee Bullock-Palmer	(1) University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor
Pennington, NJ 08534	of Surgery, 7/1/99.
r chinington, No occor	(2) License #240482, issued on 6/8/06.
10-109-60C	(1) University of Santo Tomas, Manila,
Johanna Calo	Philippines, Doctor of Medicine and
Goshen, NY 10924	Surgery, 4/15/00.
	(2) License #003618, issued on 7/14/10.
10-110-60C	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara,
Eileen Capote	Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician &
Amherst, NY 14226	Surgeon, 6/1/87. (2) License #201600 issued on 11/29/95.
10-111-60C	(1) Technical University of Gdansk, Gdansk,
Dariusz Chrostowski	Poland, Physician, 6/9/94.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685	(2) License #237708, issued on 9/13/05.
<u>10-112-60C</u>	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara,
Eileen Deano	Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician &
Joplin, MO 64804	Surgeon, 6/9/00.
10 110 000	(2) License #255329, issued on 11/3/09.
10-113-60C	(1) MGM Medical College, Indore, India,
Shikha Jain New Hyde Park, NY 11040	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 5/21/01.
ivew riyue r ark, ivi 11040	(2) License #257945, issued on 7/16/10.
10-114-60C	(1) Rajasthan University, Jaipur, India,
Manasvi Jaitly	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,
Ogdensburg, NY 13669	4/27/98.
-	(2) License #002885, issued on 7/2/07.
<u>10-115-60C</u>	(1) Sindh Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan,
Hussain Khawaja	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,
Troy, NY 12180	2/14/83.
	(2) License #233540, issued on 7/29/04.

10-116-60C	(1) Charles University, Trahaz,
Michal Kunz	Czechoslovakia, Doctor of Medicine,
New York, NY 10035	6/1/88.
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(2) License #235638, issued on 4/5/05.
<u>10-117-60C</u>	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara,
Joan McInerney	Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician &
White Plains, NY 10605	Surgeon, 12/12/80.
	(2) License #152094, issued on 10/29/82.
<u>10-118-60C</u>	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara,
Carlos Mora	Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician &
Montclair, NJ 07042	Surgeon, 5/1/86.
	(2) License #197502, issued on 10/18/94.
<u>10-119-60C</u>	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences,
Sridhar Rachala	Hyderabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine,
Buffalo, NY 14203	Bachelor of Surgery, 9/2/98.
	(2) License #003617, issued on 7/14/10.
<u>10-120-60C</u>	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara,
Paul Stanslaw	Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician &
Fort Defiance, AZ 86504	Surgeon, 6/13/03.
	(2) License #256385, issued on 3/3/10.
<u>10-121-60C</u>	(1) University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong,
Tommy Richard Tong	People's Republic of China, Bachelor of
Rye Brook, NY 10573	Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/20/82.
	(2) License #247959, issued on 3/17/08.
<u>10-122-60C</u>	(1) Institute of Medicine #2, Yangoon,
Elbert Tun	Myanmar, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor
Little Neck, NY 11362	of Surgery, 12/18/82.
	(2) License #253254, issued on 5/26/09.
<u>10-123-60C</u>	(1) University of Calabar, Calabar, Nigeria,
Inyene Umoren	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,
Land O'Lakes, FL 34638	6/28/99.
	(2) License #253302, issued on 5/29/09.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law.