



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY,
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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Valerie Grey
SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
Rush University
DATE: June 6, 2011
AUTHORIZATION(S):

Summary

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate in New York State for Rush University?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its June 2011 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

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

Rush University's College of Nursing seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner programs in health agencies in New York for supervised clinical experiences. 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.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate, effective June 21, 2011, which authorizes Rush University's College of Nursing to use 4 agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner programs leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree or post-master's Advanced Certificate.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2016.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the program titled Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Rush University's College of Nursing requests permission to place up to two Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner students each year for a 360-hour practicum, with hours divided among three facilities located in Buffalo, Dunkirk and Jamestown; up to two students for a 140-hour practicum at the Jamestown facility; and one student for both a 360-hour practicum and a 140-hour practicum at a private psychiatric office located in Whitesboro. The students will be enrolled in an online format of the program that is delivered using Blackboard courseware. The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program leading to the master's degree requires completion of 66 quarter hours of credit for the adult option and 68 quarter hours of credit for the family option. The program leading to the post-master's Advanced Certificate requires completion of 53 or 55 quarter hours of credit for the adult and family options, respectively. Individuals available to serve as preceptors for the clinical placements will be psychiatric nurse practitioners or psychiatrists. The preceptors will be responsible for completing midterm and end-of-semester clinical evaluations for each student. Full-time Rush University College of Nursing faculty will be in contact with preceptors and students through e-mail and telephone services.

The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools through 2019. The College of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through 2019.

Staff have determined that there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences at the cooperating facilities if authorization is granted. Because of the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State, it should have no effect on New York institutions.

The Office of the Professions has determined that Rush University meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.