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**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Frank Muñoz  
**SUBJECT:** Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:  
Thomas Jefferson University  
**DATE:** February 21, 2011  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### Summary

#### Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

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

#### Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

#### Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its March 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

Thomas Jefferson University seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place master's degree students from its Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner program 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. The University's Master of Science in Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates of the Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner program are eligible for certification as Adult Nurse Practitioners through the American Nurses Credentialing Center and/or as Oncology Nurses through the Oncology Nursing Society. The program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate, effective March 8, 2011, which authorizes Thomas Jefferson University to use four clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree.

### Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until March 31, 2016.

## **INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION**

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the program titled Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner.

Thomas Jefferson University requests permission to place up to two Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner students a year at Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, Medical Associates of Saranac Lake, Northern Adirondack Planned Parenthood in Plattsburgh, or a physician's office in Saratoga Springs. The Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner program requires completion of 36 semester hours and 672 clinical contact hours. The requested placements at New York facilities will involve completion of 224 hours over 14 weeks. The preceptors for the clinical placements include two physicians with practices in hematology and oncology, two physicians with practices in internal medicine and a nurse practitioner with a practice in adult health and oncology. The preceptors will be responsible for completing midterm and end-of-semester clinical evaluations for each student. Full-time Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing faculty will be in contact with preceptors and students via telephone and e-mail during the placements.

The University is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The School of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and fully approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

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 Thomas Jefferson University meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.