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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:  
Vermont Technical College  
**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 Vermont Technical College?

#### 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

Vermont Technical College seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its associate degree nursing 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

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 Vermont Technical College to use two clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Nursing program leading to the Associate in Science 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 Nursing program leading to the Associate in Science degree.

Vermont Technical College requests permission to place 10 registered nursing students each fall semester for 24 hour practica at Albany Medical Center Hospital and Samaritan Hospital in Troy. Each practicum will occur over a 4-week period, with the first practicum scheduled for fall 2011. Clinical experiences will occur on Behavioral Health units at the two sites. The program requires completion of 70 semester hours, which includes 35 credits that must be completed in a Practical Nursing Certificate program prior to entry into the registered nursing program. Vermont Technical College nursing faculty will serve as clinical instructors.

The College is accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Schools. The Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and approved by the Vermont 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 College'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 Vermont Technical College meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.