



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

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:  
Mansfield University

**DATE:** March 12, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Consent Agenda**

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

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its March 2012 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**

Mansfield University is seeking to extend Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program in health care agencies for supervised clinical experiences. Section 6908 of the Education Law exempts from licensure students who provide nursing services while

enrolled in educational programs that the Department has registered. Mansfield University was granted initial approval to use clinical agencies in New York State on February 21, 1992. Since then this approval has been extended for three five-year periods. 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 20, 2012, authorizing Mansfield University to use clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students in its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2017.

## **Information in Support of Recommendation**

Mansfield University seeks to extend Regents permission to operate in New York State to place students from its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program in health agencies in New York for supervised clinical experiences. Section 6908 of the Education Law exempts from licensure students who provide nursing services while enrolled in educational programs that the Department has registered. Mansfield University was granted initial approval to use clinical agencies in New York State on February 21, 1992.

Established in 1857, Mansfield University is part of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education and the nursing program has full approval status from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. The University offers the first two years of its nursing program on its main campus in Mansfield, Pennsylvania and the last two years at Guthrie's Sayre Campus in Sayre, Pennsylvania, about two miles from the Pennsylvania-New York border.

The curriculum requires completion of 120 credits of coursework (62 credits in nursing and 58 credits in general education courses). The introduction to nursing begins in the sophomore year. The major emphasis on clinical nursing courses is in the upper division. A prospective student applicant must have a high school diploma with four credits in English, three in social studies, two in mathematics (one credit must be in algebra) and two credits in laboratory sciences (biology and chemistry required). Student progression to the upper division nursing courses is predicated on maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 and a minimum "C" grade in all required science and nursing courses at the lower level.

Mansfield University plans on using five agencies in New York: Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, NY; Chemung County Health Department in Elmira, NY; Elmira Psychiatric Center in Elmira, NY; Tioga County Health Department in Oswego, NY; and Waverly Central School District, Waverly, NY. A total of 19 senior nursing students will be placed among Chemung County Health Department, Elmira Psychiatric Center and Tioga County health Department in the fall semester. A total of 11 junior nursing students will be placed among Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira Psychiatric Center and the Waverly School District in the spring semester.

There are four faculty providing instruction for the five clinical sites. Three of the faculty hold master's degrees in nursing and one faculty member has an earned doctorate. Preceptors will not be used. All faculty members hold current, unencumbered New York State Registered Professional Nurse (RN) licensure.

Staff has determined that there should be no effect on New York institutions based on the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State. The Office of the Professions has determined that Mansfield University meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.