



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
Samford University

DATE: March 1, 2018

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the proposed renewal of its permission to operate in New York State for Samford University?

Reason for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its March 2018 meeting at which time 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. Section 6908 of the Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons_or students enrolled in educational programs registered by State Education Department.

Background Information

Samford University located in Birmingham, Alabama is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) through 2027.

It was initially granted permission to operate in New York State a portion of its nurse practitioner program in March 2012 for a term of five years. The University seeks renewal of its authorization to continue to place seven students per calendar year from its Family Nurse Practitioner (F.N.P.) programs leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) or Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree. Based on prior placements, the University has a total of nine contractual arrangements with agencies and private practices that offer primary care and women's health in Brooklyn, Long Island, Ithaca, Troy, Watertown, Poughkeepsie and the Medical Services at Fort Drum.

The University's M.S.N. and D.N.P. programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The master's F.N.P. program is 42 credits and includes 720 hours of clinical learning experience. The D.N.P. program is 69 credits in length including 1,140 hours of clinical experiences. Students are admitted with advanced standing who hold a graduate degree in nursing. For the past five years, the retention rate for 582 master's program students is eighty-seven percent; for 131 D.N.P. students is ninety-three percent; and the pass rate on the national American Nurses Credentialing Center F.N.P. certification is ninety-four percent for 348 candidates.

Nursing faculty teaching the clinical courses hold unencumbered licenses and current registration in New York as Registered Professional Nurses and F.N.P.s. Each degree program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Since the time of first approval, there have been no complaints from NYS institutions and due to the minimal number of placements no negative impact is anticipated.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed renewal of its permission to operate, effective March 1, 2018, which authorizes Samford University's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing to use five clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Family Nurse Practitioner programs leading to either the M.S.N. or D.N.P. degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until June 30, 2023.