



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: William P. Murphy *William Murphy*

SUBJECT: The State University of New York College at Brockport:
Regents Authorization to award the Master of Public
Health (M.P.H.) Degree

DATE: May 5, 2022

AUTHORIZATION(S): *William Murphy*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Brockport to award the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board at its May 2022 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

On March 8, 2022, the SUNY Board of Trustees authorized SUNY College at Brockport to offer the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree, subject to approval by the New York State Board of Regents. On March 9, 2022, the New York State Education Department received a proposal from SUNY to add a new program (M.P.H. in Public Health) at the College at Brockport. Regents authorization is required because SUNY College at Brockport is not currently authorized to award this degree title. A master plan amendment is not needed because the College already offers master's programs in the Health Professions disciplinary area.

Background Information

SUNY indicates that the M.P.H. degree is an industry-recognized credential sought by prospective students and employers. SUNY also indicates that the purpose of the proposed M.P.H. program is to produce graduates who have the knowledge and skills to protect and improve the health of individuals as well as to address the specific health needs of the communities in which those individuals reside. SUNY believes that offering the M.P.H. degree at the College at Brockport will extend the College's existing undergraduate and graduate programs in health education, health sciences, and the health professions.

Academic review of faculty, curriculum, and other program aspects of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department has determined that the proposed degree program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Related Regents Items

Not Applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Brockport to award the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes SUNY College at Brockport to award the M.P.H. degree, the Department will register the M.P.H. in Public Health degree program.