



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: State University of New York at Binghamton: Authorization to Award the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.) degree

DATE: May 5, 2022

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) to confer the O.T.D degree at State University of New York at Binghamton?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its May 2022 meeting.

Procedural History

At its September 29, 2021 meeting, SUNY Board of Trustees authorized State University of New York at Binghamton to offer the O.T.D. program. On September 29, 2021, the Department received the request from the College to offer a post professional O.T.D. program in Occupational Therapy.

Background Information

Paragraph (f) of subdivision (2) of §355 of the Education Law authorizes the State University Board of Trustees:

To grant all degrees, diplomas, and certificates which heretofore [i.e., July 1, 1948] have been granted or have been authorized to be granted upon the completion of courses of study in any state-operated institution which now is or hereafter may be in the state university, prior to the acquisition of such institution by the state university, and also such other degrees as the regents may hereafter specifically authorize them to grant.

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents State University of New York at Binghamton's first use of the O.T.D. degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the O.T.D. degree.

At State University of New York at Binghamton, in addition to the undergraduate degrees, the trustees are authorized to award the following doctoral degrees: Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), Doctor of Professional Studies (D.P.S.), Doctor of Education (E.D.D.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) The College has existing B.S., M.S., D.N.P., and Ph.D. programs in Nursing as well as the Pharm.D. in Pharmacy.

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 SUNY Board of Trustees to award the O.T.D. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the O.T.D. programs at State University of New York at Binghamton effective May 17, 2022.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve the degree authorization, the Department will register the program and the College will proceed to recruit and enroll students.