



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Renewal of Regents Permission to Operate in New York State: Yale University
DATE: July 3, 2018
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the proposed renewal of permission to operate in New York State for the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN) program and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) program offered at Yale University?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its July 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Regents permission to operate in New York State (NYS) is required by §224 of the Education Law which prohibits out-of-state colleges and universities from transacting business in New York without Regents permission. §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

Since 1929, Yale University has held continued institutional accreditation by The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The College of Nursing (CON) received full approval from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for the license-qualifying nurse practitioner programs through October 2019. All nursing programs offered by the CON are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Nurse practitioner graduates score above the national average on certification examinations administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Each faculty member that teaches in the clinical courses to be offered in NYS holds a doctoral degree, board certification, and is a licensed registered professional nurse in NYS.

The University requests renewal of permission to operate so that students enrolled in the GEPN and AGACNP (M.S.N.) program can be placed in clinical experiences in NYS. The GEPN program received initial approval in October 2007 and was subsequently renewed in 2013. The program is similar to a New York State dual-degree nursing program leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree/Master of Science (M.S.) degree for students who hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in another discipline. As authorized by Connecticut, upon successful completion of the prespecialty portion of the program, students are awarded the Certificate in Nursing that satisfies Connecticut General Statutes regarding eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN examination. Students must be licensed RNs in order to progress to the graduate portion of the three-year GEPN. The first year of the program consists of 40.8 semester hours of credit taken over the fall, spring, and summer terms, with a focus on foundational courses in biological sciences, ethics, health assessment, nursing process, nursing theory, nutrition, pharmacology, and professional issues. These content areas are combined with clinical experiences in community health, maternal-newborn, medical-surgical, pediatric, and psychiatric-mental health nursing. This is substantially equivalent to NYS requirements for a minimum of 40 credits in the nursing major for a baccalaureate level degree. The final year of the program meets the minimum credit requirements for a master's degree level nursing program, 30 credits over one year of full-time study. Upon completion of the second portion of the program, the student is eligible for national certification and licensure in a nurse practitioner specialty.

For the GEPN program, the University seeks placement for six students enrolled in the Community and Public Health Nursing course in the summer term. As in previously authorized terms, the University will continue to use three sites for student placements: The Visiting Nurse Service in New York City, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center in New York City, and the Community Healthcare Network in Manhattan. Students will complete a total of 110 clinical contact hours supervised by NYS licensed RNs with master's degrees in nursing and the Yale CON clinical course faculty.

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) program was initially registered in September 2002 and renewed every five years thereafter. The AGACPN program leads to a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree and requires completion of 55 semester credits. There are 934 clinical hours included in the

program. Graduates are eligible to become certified by national accrediting organizations as acute care nurse practitioners. As with previous terms of approval, the University requests the placement for four students in an academic year at agencies with contractual agreements including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Mount Sinai Hospital. Each nurse practitioner student will be precepted by a NYS licensed nurse practitioner or physician with a practice in the appropriate specialty area. Yale CON clinical course faculty will communicate weekly with New York State preceptors and make one site visit during the academic semester.

Based on the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State, staff have determined that there should be no effect on New York institutions.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve Yale University's request to renew permission to operate a portion of its nursing education programs so that students enrolled in the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing program and the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program can be placed in clinical learning experiences in New York State agencies effective July 18, 2018.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the request for permission to operate the programs will be registered for a five-year term until July 1, 2023.