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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Master Plan Amendment: Authorizing the College of New Rochelle to Offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S. in Nursing) Program at its Rosa Parks Branch Campus

DATE: July 3, 2018

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for the College of New Rochelle to offer its first baccalaureate-level program in the health professions discipline area at the Rosa Parks Branch Campus in Harlem -- a B.S. in Nursing degree program?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

New Rochelle has submitted a proposal for a B.S. in Nursing program to be offered at its Rosa Parks Branch Campus. A master plan amendment is necessary as this is the institution's first baccalaureate degree program in the health professions discipline at this Branch Campus.

Background Information

The College of New Rochelle is an independent, not-for-profit educational institution located in New Rochelle, New York. In addition to the main campus, the College has the Rosa Parks Branch Campus in Harlem, New York. In October 2017, the College submitted a proposal to add an accelerated, second-degree, license-qualifying nursing program leading to the B.S. in Nursing Degree at this branch campus. The College has offered a successful accelerated second-degree license-qualifying baccalaureate nursing program at the Main Campus since 2015, with an annual first-time NCLEX pass rate of 100 percent. In addition, the College's longstanding, full time license qualifying B.S. in Nursing program at its main campus reported an 88.9% first time NCLEX pass rate in 2017.

The accelerated second-degree nursing program at the Rosa Parks Branch Campus mirrors that of the Main Campus. The proposed program requires 125 credits for completion. A total of 61 credits will be awarded for prior learning. This includes 25 credits of pre-requisite courses. Another 36 credits will be awarded for an earned Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree. The accelerated second-degree includes an additional 64 credits in the following courses: Health Assessment, Foundations, Adult/Gerontology I, II, & III. Community Health, Leadership, Care of Children, Care of Women, Holistic Self-Care, Nurse as Healer, Understanding the Human Experience, Cultural Issues in Healthcare, Intro to Palliative Care, the Ethics of Genetics, and a nursing elective of their choosing related to special topics in nursing. The program can be completed in approximately 15 months (five semesters of part-time study).

The program is designed for students who already have a baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing field of study. Candidates must be in good standing at the institution from which their bachelor's degree was conferred and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Applicants must complete the following 25-credit prerequisite courses (with a minimum C+ grade) prior to matriculation: General Chemistry/Lab; General Psychology; Development Psychology; Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab; Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab; Microbiology/Lab; Statistics; and Nutritional Science.

The College anticipates the enrollment during the first year to be approximately 40 students and will increase to 80 students for the second year. It is anticipated that enrollment will remain at approximately 80 once the program is offered in its entirety.

The Rosa Parks Branch Campus has a well-equipped nursing laboratory (LRCN) for teaching health assessment. The LRCN has four beds with mannequins, including adult, pediatric and baby. There is a large storage room adjacent to the LRCN. There is also a medication cart. The College will allow eight students in the LRCN at a time, two per bedside. A part-time laboratory coordinator will be hired to oversee the operation of the LRCN when students are on campus or by appointment. Well-apportioned Smart classrooms are available with supplemental online course management through Canvas. The large classroom can easily seat 40 students, while the other classrooms can seat 20-25. There is a small classroom that can seat approximately 10 students and

is not set up as a Smart classroom. This room will be used primarily for students to use for study groups. Computers and wireless Internet are readily accessible. There are computers available for use in the onsite library as well as in several classrooms. Students can access online databases and full-text resources from the onsite library and learning commons, as well as the extensive nursing collection at the Gill Library located on the Main Campus. All required texts will be kept on reserve in the Rosa Parks Branch Campus.

A full-time faculty member has been hired for the first year and a second full-time position will be added in year two. Additionally, current enrollment on the main campus will allow for one main campus full-time faculty member and one currently employed adjunct faculty to teach at the Branch Campus for the 2018-2019 academic year. Adjunct faculty will be hired as needed to support the program. The Dean, Associate Dean from the main campus and nursing faculty at the Branch Campus will provide on-site support. Program governance will remain within the established structure of the main campus through the Dean of Nursing. Branch campus faculty will participate in meetings at the main campus using online technology. Offices will be equipped for two full-time faculty members on the Branch Campus.

Canvass Results: A canvass of the institutions of the New York City Region of New York was conducted to determine potential impact on current programs and resources. No objections were received.

Department Review: The Department has determined that the proposed program meets the standards of registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize The College of New Rochelle, Rosa Parks Branch Campus to offer its first baccalaureate level program in the health professions discipline area, a B.S. in Nursing. The amendment will be effective until July 17, 2019, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case master plan amendment shall be without term

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the B.S. in Nursing program will be registered.