



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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COMMITTEE: Higher and Professional Education

TITLE OF ITEM: Regents Permission to Award the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Degree at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse

DATE OF SUBMISSION: January 13, 2003

PROPOSED HANDLING: Approval (Consent Agenda)

RATIONALE FOR ITEM: Section 355 of the Education Law requires Regents permission for the institution to award a new degree.

STRATEGIC GOALS: 2 and 3

AUTHORIZATION(S): *[Signature]*

SUMMARY:

The State University of New York Board of Trustees has petitioned the Regents for authority to confer the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse which now awards doctoral and professional degrees including the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.).

The Health Science Center at Syracuse has requested registration of a licensure-qualifying Physical Therapy program and a Physical Therapy program for persons who are licensed as physical therapists each leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. The proposed D.P.T. programs will replace the licensure-qualifying Health Sciences/Physical Therapy program leading to the Bachelor of Science/Master of Physical Therapy degrees and the Physical Therapy program leading to the Master of Science degree for persons licensed as physical therapists. The existing programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The Office of the Professions has determined that the proposed programs would meet the standards for registration in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

I recommend that the Regents take the following action:

VOTED, that the State University of New York Board of Trustees be authorized, effective February 11, 2003, to confer the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) on students successfully completing registered programs at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse.