



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech
SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
University of Cincinnati
DATE: February 6, 2012
AUTHORIZATION(S):

Summary

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate in New York State for the University of Cincinnati?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its February 2012 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

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

Background Information

The University of Cincinnati seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students enrolled in its Adult, Family and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner programs leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree in health agencies in New York for supervised clinical experiences. Section 6908 of the

Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons or students enrolled in educational programs that the State Education Department has registered.

Graduates of the Adult and Family Nurse Practitioner programs are eligible to take the certification examinations in their specialty areas through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners or the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Graduates of the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner program are eligible to take the certification examination offered through the National Certification Corporation. The programs meet the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate, effective February 14, 2012, which authorizes the University of Cincinnati's College of Nursing to use clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Adult, Family and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner programs leading to the M.S.N. degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until February 28, 2017.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for nurse practitioner programs in the specialty areas of adult, family and women's health.

The University of Cincinnati requests permission to place, in an academic term, a combination of up to six adult, family and women's health nurse practitioner students at physician offices located in Hornell, Loudonville, Massena, Oneida and Tarrytown. The Adult Nurse Practitioner program and the Family Nurse Practitioner program require completion of 72 quarter hours of credit and 510 and 540 preceptored clinical contact hours, respectively. The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner program requires completion of 75 quarter hours of credit and 600 preceptored clinical contact hours. Clinical experiences are scheduled to be completed during the last three or four quarters of each program. Students will complete between 9 and 24 clinical contact hours a week in each of their clinical placements. The online format used for each program will be delivered using Blackboard courseware that provides for interfacing with peers, accessing course materials, entering discussion forums and completing course examinations.

Individuals available to serve as preceptors for the clinical placements are physicians with practices in the areas identified as practice settings for the clinical courses. The preceptors will be responsible for completing midterm and end-of-quarter clinical evaluations for each student. Full-time University of Cincinnati College of Nursing faculty will be in contact with preceptors and students through e-mail, telephone and video conferencing conducted during the placements.

The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools through 2019. The College of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through 2016 and fully approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Staff have determined that there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences at the cooperating facilities if authorization is granted. Because of the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State, it should have no effect on New York institutions.

The Office of the Professions has determined that the University of Cincinnati meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.