



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY,
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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech
SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
Samford University
DATE: December 30, 2011
AUTHORIZATION(S):

Summary

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

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

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its January 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

Samford University seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place students from its Family Nurse Practitioner programs leading to either the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) or Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) 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. The University's M.S.N. and D.N.P. programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner programs are eligible for certification as Family Nurse Practitioners through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. 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 January 10, 2012, which authorizes Samford University's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing to use 5 clinical agencies in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Family Nurse Practitioner programs leading to either the M.S.N. or D.N.P. degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until January 31, 2017.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the program titled Family Nurse Practitioner.

Samford University requests permission to place up to five Family Nurse Practitioner students a year at physician offices located in New York City and Smithtown and at three healthcare clinics located in Fishkill, New Rochelle and Staten Island, respectively. The Family Nurse Practitioner program leading to the M.S.N. degree requires completion of 42 semester hours of credit and 720 clinical contact hours. The 18 credits assigned to clinical experiences require completion of 480 hours in a family practice setting, 120 hours in an obstetrics/gynecology setting and 120 hours in a pediatric setting. Students enrolled in the D.N.P. program are required to complete an additional 39 semester hours of credit and 500 clock hours of clinical experiences beyond that required for the M.S.N. degree. The clinical experience component of the D.N.P. program is contained in two capstone project courses. Each clinical course is scheduled to be completed over a 15-week period, with the first practicum scheduled to begin shortly after approval of this request. Students will be enrolled in an online format that is delivered using Blackboard courseware. Students are required to attend an on-campus orientation prior to beginning course work.

Individuals available to serve as preceptors for the clinical placements include physicians and nurse practitioners with practices in the areas identified as practice settings for the clinical courses. The preceptors will be responsible for completing mid-term and end-of-semester clinical evaluations for each student. Full-time Samford University School 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 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools through 2017. The Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through June 2015 and fully approved by the Alabama 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 Samford University meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.