





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: David H. Hamilton 

SUBJECT: Master Plan Amendment: Hudson Valley Community College North Branch Campus in Malta, New York, and Offering Associate Degree Programs

DATE: January 2, 2025

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment for Hudson Valley Community College to operate a branch campus in Malta, New York and offer the A.S. program in *Engineering Science*, the A.A.S. programs in *Clean Energy Management* and *Electrical Engineering Technology*, and the A.O.S. program in *Electrical Construction & Maintenance*?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its January 2025 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Master plan approval is required when an institution proposes to operate a branch campus and offer degrees programs. The State University of New York Board of Trustees approved the proposed branch campus and programs on April 16, 2024. The Department received the application on May 7, 2024.

Background Information

Hudson Valley Community College provides transformative, student-centered, and high-quality educational opportunities that address the diverse needs of local and

global communities. The purpose and goals of the associate programs to be offered at the branch campus are aligned with the institution's mission.

Enrollment projection for each of the program is 10 full-time equivalent students in year one, increasing to 25-30 full-time equivalent students by year five. The ethnic breakdown at the College is 67% White, 13.1% Black, African American, 7.8% Hispanic, 7.8% Asian, 3.6% more than two races, <1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and <1% Pacific Islander. Demographic data for the branch campus is expected to be similar.

The Malta location includes two main buildings. The Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies (TEC-SMART) was recently renovated; the STEM Education Center was opened in 2024. These facilities provide specialized classrooms and state-of-the-art laboratories. There is an on-site library. The collection includes textbooks and curated exhibits aimed at enriching the student experience. Any materials not immediately available on-site will continue to be offered either digitally or delivered to the North campus via the courier service.

Initially existing faculty members will be teaching at the branch campus. Currently, in addition to full-time and part-time faculty members teaching general education courses, the College has three full-time and three part-time engineering faculty for the A.S. program in *Engineering Science*, two full-time and one part-time for the A.A.S. program in *Clean Energy Management*, three full-time and two part-time for the A.A.S. program in *Electrical Engineering Technology – Electronics*, and eight full-time and eight part-time for the A.O.S. program in *Electrical Construction & Maintenance*. The College will have designated faculty members for the programs at the branch campus as enrollment increases.

According to the labor market analytics tool Lightcast, demand in target occupations is projected to increase through 2034, with projected increase of 15%-20% in the Capital Region and 12%-19% statewide. The College currently offer credit-bearing courses in Malta, New York as an extension center. The Malta location is conveniently located near large tech industry employers. Establishing the North branch campus will enable the College to address the growing demand for talented and skilled labor in critical industries.

A canvass was conducted of all institutions in the Capital Region of New York State. There were no objections to the proposed programs or branch campus. The Department has determined that the proposed branch campus and programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the amendment to the master plan of Hudson Valley Community College to operate the North branch campus in Malta, New York. This amendment will be effective until January 14, 2026, unless the branch campus is registered by the Department prior to that date, in which case the master plan amendment shall be without term.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will send it to the Governor for approval. Upon gubernatorial approval, the Department will register the branch campus and the programs to be offered and the College may recruit and enroll students.