



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** David H. Hamilton *David H. Hamilton*  
**SUBJECT:** Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:  
Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, Inc.  
**DATE:** August 29, 2024

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Regents grant permission for Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, Inc. (BGSP) to offer its Master of Arts (M.A.) program in Psychoanalytic Studies in New York, NY?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the Full Board at its September 2024 meeting for final action.

**Procedural History**

Board of Regents permission to operate 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**

In accordance with §3.56 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, BGSP submitted an application to seek consent of the Board of Regents to offer its M.A. program at 16 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in New York, NY 10011. BGSP is a private, nonprofit institution, with its main campus located in Brookline, Massachusetts. The institution is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). The M.A. program in Psychoanalytic Studies was registered in 2005 at the New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

(NYGSP) and has been operating under a provisional charter. The provisional charter will be dissolved after BGSP has been granted permission to operate.

The M.A. program in Psychoanalytic Studies is designed to provide historical and contemporary psychoanalytic perspectives on human development, psychological health, and psychopathology. It provides an academic preparation in psychoanalytic studies for individuals who wish to pursue clinical training in psychoanalysis after graduation. The program consists of 42 credits and can be completed in 2 years.

Applicants are required to hold a baccalaureate degree at minimum. They must submit an official transcript, two current letters of reference, a statement of interest in the program, and an academic writing sample. Applicants who are non-native English speakers are required to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Following submission of the completed application, the Admissions Committee reviews the files and determines whether to invite the applicant for an interview.

The program has been enrolling approximately 10 new full-time students per year. There are no plans to increase the program's enrollment. A vast majority of the student population served by this program come from the New York metropolitan area. The student demographic breakdown is as follows.

Gender	48% male 52% female
Age	17% aged younger than thirty years 34% aged thirty to forty 38% aged forty to fifty 10% aged fifty or older
Ethnicity	73% White 14% Latino 10% Asian 3% Black

BGSP has a contract with the Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies (CMPS) to utilize two floors in the CMPS building for classroom and office space. The space includes three classrooms. The library space and resources are shared between BGSP and CMPS. It consists of a common area where students can meet and a quiet study room. The library is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. A librarian is on duty Monday through Thursday between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., which is when classes are typically in session. Interviews with the librarians from the New York and Boston campuses confirm that they have sufficient budget to purchase any resources needed. All subscription-based purchases are made through the Boston campus and made available to the New York site.

The program employs five full-time faculty members. Part-time faculty members are hired as needed.

**Canvass Results:** The canvass process was waived, because the program has been offered in New York State since 2005 and there are no plans to increase enrollment.

**Department Review:** As part of the review process, staff members from the Office of the Professions conducted a site visit on July 1, 2024. Upon review of the proposal, the findings of the site visit, the College's response, and all the other related materials, the Department has determined that BGSP meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and the provisions for out-of-state institutions seeking to operate with a physical presence in New York State set forth in the Regens Rules.

**Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents grant permission to operate for Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, Inc. (BGSP) to offer its M.A. program in Psychoanalytic Studies in New York, NY.

**Timetable for Implementation**

Once approved, the Department will send a notification letter to BGSP. If granted, permission to operate will be effective through September 10, 2029.