



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** David H. Hamilton *David H. Hamilton*

**SUBJECT:** Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

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**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students completing the Psychoanalysis program leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree offered at the New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its September 2024 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Background Information**

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to award and confer suitable certificates, diplomas and degrees on persons who satisfactorily meet certain requirements. The New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (NYGSP), located at 16 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in New York, NY, 10011, offers a non-licensure qualifying M.A. program in Psychoanalysis. NYGSP has been operating under a provisional charter since 2005. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on the School's behalf.

The conferral process consists of the following steps:

**For provisionally chartered institutions:**

- The institution sends the Department a request for conferral of degrees to students who have completed their registered programs.
- The Department reviews the relevant documentation provided by the institution to assure its accuracy. This step may involve multiple communications with an institution depending upon the accuracy and completeness of the documentation provided.
- The Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regents action that lists all candidates and the degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action. The institution prepares diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed, along with the signatures of appropriate officers at the institution.
- Institution-signed diplomas are sent to the Department for the imprinting of the signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of the University of the State of New York (USNY), a.k.a. the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner), and the affixing of the official Board of Regents seal to each diploma.
- Once the diplomas have the signatures of the Chancellor and the President of USNY and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, to be provided to the students.

**For closed institutions:**

- The student submits official transcripts from the closed institution, and any other institution at which the student earned credit toward the degree, to the Department.
- The Department reviews the transcripts and compares the completed courses to the requirements of the registered program at the closed institution.
- Upon a determination that the student has completed the program requirements, the Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regents action that lists all candidates and degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees awarded, the diplomas are signed by the Chancellor and the President of USNY/Commissioner, and the official Regents seal is affixed.
- The Department sends the completed diplomas to the students.

## **Related Regents Items**

[March 2018: Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/318brca1.pdf)

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[October 2018: Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1018brca9.pdf)

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[April 2020: Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/420brca7.pdf)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/420brca7.pdf>)

[September 2021: Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/921brca15.pdf)

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## **Recommendation**

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents confer degrees upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for the Psychoanalysis program leading to the M.A. degree offered at New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis:

Gwendolyn Burton  
Madeleine Alpert  
Richard Levitt  
Gregory Morshige  
Douglas Mackliff  
Arian Sattasri-Khavas  
Maureen Cohen  
Krista Donargo  
Jean Koerner  
Ingrid Bernstein

## **Timetable for Implementation**

After the Board of Regents approves this item, signed diplomas will be issued to students.