



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Rochester General College of Health Careers

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students who have completed the Nursing program leading to the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree offered at Rochester General College of Health Careers?

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 Rochester General College of Health Careers, located at 470 Skyview Centre Parkway, Rochester, NY, 14622, offers a licensure qualifying A.A.S. program in Nursing. The College was granted a provisional charter in September 2020. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on the College's behalf.

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 the 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

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for the A.A.S. program in Nursing at Rochester General College of Health Careers:

Brianna Beckley
Ariana Boillat
Briana Bonafede
Leah Calcagno
Kaitlyn Ditch
Eric Dixon
Tiffany Gantz
Kadesia Hazel
Kivona Hall
Holly Lake
Jenna Lauth
Jessica McCann
Veronica Melia
Nicole Rossetti
Shannikay Salmon
Samantha Sardo
Robin St. John
Samantha Taylor
Contessia Walker
Heather Woerner
Natalie Wright
Nicole Zicari

Timetable for Implementation

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