

SUMMARY OF LICENSURE REVIEW FOR SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Samuel Merritt University (Oakland, California) seeks limited authorization to allow one student to participate in a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) practicum in North Carolina. This situation would ordinarily be exempt from licensure under SARA. However, schools headquartered in California are ineligible to participate in SARA.

Samuel Merritt University is a private, not-for-profit university affiliated with a northern California hospital network. It is regionally accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges and programmatically accredited for the DNP programs by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Staff and a team of examiners conducted a site visit to the university in August 2017. The team produced a report noting several areas in which the university would have to change its practices to come into full compliance with North Carolina's standards for licensure. However, none of those findings bear directly on the student or practicum at issue. The institution and staff have agreed that, should the institution seek full authorization to conduct its DNP program in North Carolina, it will have to fully address the team's report's findings.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Samuel Merritt University to conduct a Doctor of Nursing Practice practicum in North Carolina for one student, with an expiration date of December 31, 2018.