



116TH BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

**BOR RESOLUTION NO. 120
Series of 2024**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE OFFERING OF
THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, by virtue of R.A. 9437 the Visayas State University (VSU) is mandated by law to offer undergraduate, graduate and non-degree courses within its areas of specialization to meet the demands of the province and the region;

WHEREAS, Section 13 of RA 7722 "*the higher education institution shall exercise academic freedom in its curricular offerings but must comply with the minimum requirements for specific academic programs, the general education distribution requirements and the specific professional courses*";

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. approved the creation of the Visayas State University College of Medicine by signing into law Republic Act (RA) 11974, which is one of the priority legislations of Leyte Fifth District Congressman Carl Nicolas C. Cari;

WHEREAS, the main goal of RA 11974 is to develop a set of professional physicians who will help strengthen the healthcare system of the country that will primarily respond to the human resource development needs of the Leyte province and the whole Eastern Visayas region.

WHEREAS, the law also provides that funding for the establishment of the VSU College of Medicine shall be sourced from the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) as approved by the national government;

WHEREAS, the CHED Memorandum Order 18, s. 2016, Policies, Standards, and Guidelines for the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Program implements a full study of at least four (4) years, the fourth year of which shall be a complete 12-month rotating clinical clerkship undertaken in the base hospital with Level III DOH Classification with accredited residency training programs in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and OB-Gyne;

WHEREAS, the program should be at least 1,440 hours per year level for the first 3 years and 2,080 hours for the fourth year or clinical clerkship for a total of 6,400 hours for the entire MD program.

WHEREAS, the MD curriculum is patterned on solving medical health problems (scenario-based), which further includes the teaching of profession within the core competencies required to safely practice medicine in a given setting (competency-based); learners are exposed to actual clients both in the clinical areas and in communities to which the intention revolves on principle of safe medical practice to groups of population across lifespan is highlighted (community-based)

WHEREAS, for its initial implementation in AY 2025-2026, the workforce supplement for the Faculty of Medicine will need a Dean (Professor 2), full time faculty (Associate Professor V) and Administrative and Support staff;

WHEREAS, the MD program shall be provided with twenty (20) full-time faculty members including faculty administrator, with a 1:50 faculty:student ratio for its full academic implementation;

WHEREAS, the proposal was presented at the meetings of the University Academic Council and University Administrative Council on September 11, 2024 and September 12, 2024, respectively, and which obtained favorable action.

WHEREAS, finding the University Academic and Administrative Councils' recommendation in order, the Governing Board has agreed to approve the proposal;

Now, therefore, on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the Board of Regents of Visayas State University approves the application of Visayas State University for the offering of the Doctor of Medicine Program.


IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 15th day of October 2024 at LNU, Tacloban City, Philippines.

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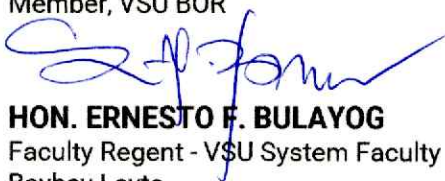

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