

**CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL STATUS BASED ON 2005 NCLEX-PN® EXAMINATION
PASS RATE, REVIEW OF 2005 ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW OF SELF STUDY**

**COASTAL BEND COLLEGE AT KINGSVILLE
VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning approval status and requirements to be met for the Coastal Bend College at Kingsville Vocational Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2005, review of the 2005 Annual Report, and review of the self-study report.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2005	Full	72.73%	24/33
2004	Full	83%	15/18
2003	Full	100%	18/18

- The Coastal Bend College at Kingsville Vocational Nursing Education Program began operation in August 1975 under the college's previous name, Bee County College.
- Due to the 72.73% pass rate on the 2005 NCLEX-PN® examination, the program was required to submit a self-study report that evaluated factors which contributed to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The Self-Study Report was received in the Board office on April 24, 2006 and a revised Self-Study Report was received in the Board office on June 21, 2006.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros-

- Program conducted a comprehensive self-study and identified factors which may have contributed to the low pass rate:
 - Personal problems that impacted students
 - Overall low passing grades of students that failed the NCLEX-PN examination
 - Length of time between graduation and testing on NCLEX-PN examination
 - Failed students not participating the available remedial type tutoring to aid them in passage of the NCLEX-PN examination.
- Corrective measures identified:
 - Net score increased to 55 (reflected in 2005-2006 class)
 - Net score increased to 60 (reflected in 2006-2007 class)
 - Requiring students to attain a final grade of 78%
 - Requiring students with a HESI score of 70% or less to participate in remediation for 3-4 weeks and then retesting with a HESI-like test requiring a score of 70%
 - Requiring students to master each component of MEDS software

Cons-

- A written Total Program Evaluation Plan was included with the Self-Study Report. Though an analysis of the program in the ten (10) required areas is provided, numerical benchmarks and assignments of responsibility for each area were not present in the Total Program Evaluation and specific data was not included.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to continue full approval status for the Coastal Bend College at Kingsville Vocational Nursing Education Program, accept the Self-Study Report, and issue the requirements as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

July 24, 2006

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Dear Ms. Guerra-Barrera:

At the July 20-21, 2006 meeting, the members of the Board of Nurse Examiners discussed the approval status of the Coastal Bend College at Kingsville Vocational Nursing Education Program based on the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2005, review of the 2005 Annual Report, and review of the April/June 2006 Self-Study Report. Members of the Board wish to thank for being present at the meeting to answer questions.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to continue the Full Approval status of the Coastal Bend College at Kingsville Vocational Nursing Program and issue the following requirements to be met:

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Rule 214.6(h) related to Administration and Organization requires that "The director or coordinator shall have the authority to direct the program in all its phases, including approval of teaching staff, selection of appropriate clinical sites, admission, progression, probation, and dismissal of students." Review of the April/June 2006 Self-Study Report revealed that the report contains ongoing corrective measures. **Therefore**, the program director shall be responsible for insuring the implementation and continuing evaluation of ongoing corrective measures identified in the Self-Study Report and shall submit an evaluation of the effectiveness of corrective measures with the 2006 Annual Report. The evaluation shall include details related to the responsible evaluators and benchmarks as criteria for evaluation.
2. Rule 214.13(a) related to Total Program Evaluation requires that "There shall be a written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program. The plan shall include evaluative criteria, methodology, frequency of evaluation, assignment of responsibility, and indicators (benchmarks) of program and instructional effectiveness." The Total Program Evaluation Plan included with the Self-Study included the ten (10) required areas of evaluation and written indication that these areas were addressed during the annual evaluation of the program, but numerical benchmarks and assignments of responsibility for each area were not present in the Total Program Evaluation and specific data was not included. **Therefore**, the program director and faculty shall revise the total program evaluation plan to include specific numerical benchmarks and assignments of responsibility for all areas of the plan and submit the revised plan with current data with the 2006 Annual Report.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6815.

Sincerely,

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