

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN APPROVAL STATUS  
 BASED ON THE NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATES FOR  
 THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS**

**KINGWOOD COLLEGE  
 ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Consider staff recommendation concerning a proposed change in the approval status for Kingwood College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-RN® Examination pass rates for the first graduating class.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

| Year          | Approval Status          | NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate   | Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total) |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| April 2005    | Granted Initial Approval | Enrolled DEI students transferred to newly established associate degree program at Kingwood College |  |
| December 2005 | Initial                  | 85%   | 23/27<br>total of 28 graduates.                |

- Kingwood College Associate Degree was granted approval to begin an associate degree nursing program and placed on Initial status by the Board of Nurse Examiners in July 2005. The students enrolled in the distance education initiative located at Kingwood College were transferred to the newly established associate degree nursing education program.
- Twenty eight of thirty students graduated in December of 2005. Twenty seven graduates have tested. The NCLEX-RN® results for the graduating class are as identified above.
- Assuming failure of the twenty eighth student, the NCLEX-RN® pass rate for the first class would be above the required 80%.

**PROS AND CONS:**

**Pros:**

- The program director and faculty have conducted an analysis of the program to identify strengths and weaknesses. Corrective measures have been implemented.
- Attrition has been minimal in the program (28/30 graduates).
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**Cons:**

- None noted

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Move to change the Initial approval status of the Kingwood College Associate Degree nursing education program to Full in accordance with rule 215. 4 related to Approval as noted in the attached letter(Attachment one).

Attachment 1

July 25, 2006

Peggy Aalund, RN, MSN  
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Kingwood College  
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Dear Ms. Aalund:

At the July 20-21, 2006 meeting, members of the Board of Nurse Examiners discussed the approval status of the Kingwood College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program and the program's NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for first time graduates. Based upon the discussion and review of the NCLEX-RN® pass rate, it was the decision of the Board to move the program from Initial Approval to Full Approval.

If we may be of assistance to you, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7659 or email at [betty.sims@bne.state.tx.us](mailto:betty.sims@bne.state.tx.us)

Sincerely,

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