

## **NOTIFICATION OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM CLOSURE**

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### **DEL MAR COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Review the notification from Del Mar College regarding closure of the Generic Vocational Nursing Education Program at Corpus Christi effective December 31, 2006.

#### **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

- The generic vocational nursing education program has been approved by the Board since 1948.
- Notification to discontinue the generic vocational nursing education program at Del Mar College upon approval of the proposed Multi Entry/Exit Program (MEEP) at Del Mar College effective December 31, 2006 was received in the board office in September 2005 as part of the proposal to establish a new nursing education program.

#### **PLANS FOR CLOSURE:**

- Academic Provision for Students: The students enrolled in Semester Two of the current program will complete the program in December 2006 and the students enrolled in Semester Three of the current program will complete the program in August 2006. Any students who are not successful in the above time frames will be advised to apply for admission under the new MEEP or apply for admission to Coastal Bend College, the closest program in the Del Mar College service area.
- Provision for Storage of Records: Current students records for the program will be stored with the Del Mar College Associate Degree Nursing Program, but labeled as Vocational Nursing Program records.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** No Board action required. This notification is for information purposes only.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS  
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Review the notification from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas regarding closure of the Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHCNP) Program effective August 31, 2006.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

- The WHCNP Program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas offers a post basic RN or post Master's certificate.
- The program has been approved by the Board since 1978.
- The program has educated more than 1200 nurses and the vast majority remain in active practice caring for women.
- Following changes in rules effective February 25, 2001, graduates from advanced education programs after January 1, 2003 are required to have completed an advanced educational program at the graduate degree level in order to be eligible to apply for authorization as an advanced practice nurse in the state of Texas.
- Rule 221.7(d) *Petitions for Waiver and Exemptions* provided waivers from the master's degree requirements to be granted to qualified certificate-prepared nurse-midwives and women's health care nurse practitioners who complete their programs on or after January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2006.
- Effective January 1, 2007, either a Master's degree or a post-Master's in the specialty will be required to sit for national certification as a WHCNP.
- Notification to discontinue the WHCNP Program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas effective August 31, 2006 was received in the board office on May 12, 2006.

**PLANS FOR CLOSURE:**

- Academic Provision for Students: The ten (10) students currently enrolled in the program are all in their preceptorship and will finish the program before the date of closure.
- Provision for Storage of Records: The Registrar of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will assume responsibility for the graduate records. All graduates will be provided with information regarding location of academic records

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