

**REPORT OF ROUTINE SIX-YEAR SURVEY VISIT
CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE AT BRADY, TEXAS
VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider the report of the routine six-year survey visit of the Central Texas College Vocational Nursing Educational Program at Brady, Texas conducted on October 2, 2008.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates Passed/Total
2007	Full	83.33%	5/6
2006	Full	100.00%	6/6
2005	Full	90.00%	9/10

- Preliminary NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2008 is 100% (5/5). The examination year ends December 31, 2008.
- Central Texas College Vocational Nursing Educational Program at Brady has been in operation since 1981.
- The last routine survey visit was conducted in May 2001.
- A survey visit of the Brady program was conducted by Janice Hooper, PhD, RN on October 2, 2008, following the survey visit of the Killeen campus.
- Director Sandra Thomason, MSN, RN accompanied the visit.
- Since the two programs use exactly the same curriculum and curriculum documents/tools, the survey visit was focused on the site, students, faculty, and resources.

SUMMARY OF SURVEY VISIT:

- The Central Texas College VN program at Brady is a small program which is vital to providing nurses to the rural areas of Central Texas. Its history dates back to a diploma program at the Heart of Texas Memorial Hospital which is adjacent to the school building. The building that houses the nursing program also houses a rehabilitation clinic.
- The program director is Sandra Thomason, MSN, RN and she is assisted at this site by Martha Williams, RN, Coordinator.

Activities During Survey Visit:

Board Staff:

- Met with Mark Pollett, Associate Dean, Ft. Hood and Service Area Campus
- Interviewed Martha Williams, RN and Sandra Thomason, MSN, RN, Director
- Interviewed 12 students who recently entered the program
- Toured the facilities: classroom, lab, office
- Interviewed 2 adjunct faculty

Survey Visit Findings:

Positive Findings:

- Coordinator works closely with Sandra Thomason and faculty at Killeen site to maintain consistency in curriculum
- Brady program has all documents online and easy communication with Killeen site.

- Program has a variety of excellent clinical experiences for students.
- Mark Pollett, Associate Dean for this campus, is very supportive of maintaining this program.

Areas of Concern:

- The facilities are limited but are adequate for a small group of students.
- Changes in curriculum could negatively affect this program.
- No mention of the Brady site is seen in the Total Program Evaluation Plan.

PROPOSED COMMENDATION:

The director is commended for her dedication to the Brady vocational nursing educational program.

PROPOSED REQUIREMENT:

Rule 214.13 *Total Program Evaluation* requires that "There shall be a written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program..." The Total Program Evaluation for the vocational nursing educational program in Killeen does not include information related to the Brady site even though the two programs use the same documents. Nor is there evidence that decisions are made in faculty meetings for the Brady site. **Therefore**, the director and faculty shall include numerical data as they implement the Total Program Evaluation Plan and provide a revised Total Program Evaluation Plan with current data to board staff by November 1, 2009 which includes evaluation of the Brady site. **Additionally**, copies of minutes which reflect the use of data from the Total Program Evaluation Plan in decision-making related to the Brady site shall be provided to board staff by November 1, 2009.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to accept the report of the routine six-year survey visit of the Central Texas College Vocational Nursing Educational Program at Brady, Texas and issue the commendation and requirement to be met as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

Sandra Thomason, MSN, RN, Director
Vocational Nursing Educational Program
Central Texas College at Brady
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Brady, Texas 76825

Dear Ms. Thomason:

At the October 23-24, 2008 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the report of the routine six-year survey visit of the Central Texas College Vocational Nursing Educational Program at Brady. It was the decision of the Board to accept the report of the survey visit and issue the following commendation and requirement to be met:

COMMENDATION:

The director is commended for her dedication to the Brady vocational nursing educational program.

REQUIREMENT:

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A requirement is a mandatory criterion based on program assessment directly related to the rule that must be addressed in the manner prescribed.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814 or by email at janice.hooper@bon.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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