

**NOTIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM BOARD APPROVAL
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, HARRIS COLLEGE OF NURSING
ADULT (MEDICAL-SURGICAL) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider the notification of voluntary withdrawal from Board approval received in Board office on November 7, 2006 from Texas Christian University (TCU) Harris College of Nursing Adult (Medical-Surgical) Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Program.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- The TCU Harris College of Nursing Adult Medical-Surgical CNS advanced practice program received initial Board approval in April 2001 and began operation on August 22, 2001.
- The program prepares graduates to take the national certification examination and to function as Clinical Nurse Specialists in Adult Health as Advanced Practice Nurses.
- The program is delivered via web-based technologies to registered nurses in Texas and other states.
- The last survey visit was conducted by board staff as an In-House Survey Review/Virtual Survey Visit in June 2003.
- The program's approval status moved from initial to full approval status at the January 2004 Board meeting.
- The program received initial accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in November 2002.
- A letter requesting to withdraw the program from BNE approval dated November 1, 2006 was received in board office November 7, 2006 (Attachment #1).
- Rule 219.4(d)(3) related to *Accreditation* requires that "Withdrawal of accreditation status will become effective at the end of the yearly review period."
- Since the notification was received after the review period had ended (10-01-05 - 9/30/06), the program will maintain full approval status until September 30, 2007 (Attachment #2).

PROS:

- The 2005 Annual Report from the program indicated that the program is in compliance with Rule 219, Advanced Nurse Practitioner Program.
- A review of the formal accreditation letter from CCNE dated May 30, 2003 indicates that the program is in full compliance with CCNE accreditation standards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No Board action required. This notification is for information purposes only.

Attachment #1
Agenda Item: 3.2.1.



Advanced Practice Program Approval
Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas
333 Guadalupe
Suite 3-460
Austin, TX 78701

November 1, 2006

Greetings:

The TCU Harris College of Nursing and Health Science's Adult Medical-Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist advanced practice program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Therefore, we are requesting the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas no longer approve the program. We will be submitting our annual report for the past year as our final report for the Clinical Nurse Specialist Program. We thank you for your continued approval since inception of the program.

Best Wishes,


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Dean
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DRAFT LETTER

Attachment #2
Agenda Item: 3.2.1.

January 22, 2007

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Dear Dr. Baldwin:

At the January 18-19, 2007 meeting, the Board of Nurse Examiners reviewed the notification of the Texas Christian University (TCU) Harris College of Nursing and Health Science to voluntarily withdraw their Adult (Medical-Surgical) Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Program from Board of Nurse Examiner's approval.

Rule 219.4(d)(3) related to *Accreditation* requires that "Withdrawal of accreditation status will become effective at the end of the yearly review period." Therefore, the program will maintain full BNE approval status until September 30, 2007.

Members of the Board wish the program continued success with the CNS Program in Adult Health at TCU.

If you have any questions or if we may be further assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814.

Sincerely,

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