

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF APPROVAL STATUS BASED ON  
2006 NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATE AND REVIEW OF 2006 ANNUAL REPORT  
PATTY HANKS SHELTON SCHOOL OF NURSING  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Consider a proposed change in the approval status of Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program based upon the review of the 2006 Annual Report and 2006 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>BNE Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)</b>
2006	Pending	76.92%	40/52
2005	Full	74.14%	43/58
2004	Full	87.50%	35/40

- The Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing is a nursing program that is a consortium of three parent institutions: Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, and McMurry University. The program, previously known as Abilene Intercollegiate University, has been in existence since 1979.
- Due to the 74.14% pass rate on the 2005 NCLEX-RN® examination, the program was required to submit a self-study report that evaluated factors that contributed to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- Based upon an analysis of the self-study report at the April 2006 Board meeting, the program was issued two requirements.
- In spite of implementing corrective measures, the 2006 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 76.92%.

**PROS AND CONS:**

Pros-

- The program submitted an evaluation of the implementation of corrective measures and a revised Total Evaluation Plan as required by the Board in April 2006.
- The program is engaging in continued corrective measures and activities to improve the success of the graduates on the NCLEX-RN examination.
- The faculty are making an extensive review of the curriculum and testing process.

Cons-

- The full outcome of the corrective measures will not be known until the Spring 2007 class graduates and their results on the 2007 NCLEX-RN® examination are evaluated.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Move to change the approval status of Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program from full to full with warning and authorize staff to conduct a survey visit in Spring 2007 as indicated in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER**

Attachment #1  
Agenda Item: 3.2.3.a.

January 22, 2006

Dr. Sharon Souter, PhD, RN, Director  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program  
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing  
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Dear Dr. Souter:

At the January 18-19, 2007 meeting, the members of the Board of Nurse Examiners discussed the approval status of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program based on the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2006 and review of the 2006 Annual Report. Members of the Board wish to thank you and Dr. Janet Noles 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 change the approval status of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program from full to full with warning and authorize a survey visit in Spring 2007. Board staff will contact you to schedule the survey visit.

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

Sincerely,

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President

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Nursing Consultant for Education

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Dr. Dwayne VanRheenen, Vice President, Abilene Christian University  
Dr. Beverly Lenoir, Vice President, McMurry University  
Dr. Janet Noles, RN, PhD, FNP-C, Dean, Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing  
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