

**CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL STATUS BASED ON 2006 NCLEX-PN® EXAMINATION
 PASS RATE, REVIEW OF 2006 ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW OF SELF-STUDY
 SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE, UVALDE, TEXAS
 VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning approval status and requirements to be met for Southwest Texas Junior College at Uvalde, Texas Vocational Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2006, review of the 2006 Annual Report, and review of the self-study report received on September 13, 2007.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2006	Full	77.27%	17/22
2005	Full	94.74%	18/19
2004	Full	90.90%	20/22

- Southwest Texas Junior College Vocational Nursing Education Program at Uvalde, Texas has been in operation since 1958.
- Due to the 77.27% pass rate on the 2006 NCLEX-PN® examination, the program was required to submit a self-study report that evaluated factors which contributed to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The Self-Study Report was received in the Board office on September 13, 2007.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros-

- Program conducted a comprehensive self-study and identified factors which may have contributed to the low pass rate:
 - Individual student problems and issues
 - Lack of ongoing assessment for students to identify at-risk students
- Corrective measures implemented:
 - Provided more group sessions for students with instructor present
 - Implemented test taking strategies
 - Moved short courses to the early part of the semester
 - Provided immediate feedback and test review to students following exams
 - Added ATI testing at the end of the NCLEX-PN review
 - Added one additional clinical site

Cons-

- A Total Program Evaluation Plan was not included with the Self Study.
- Plan for evaluating the projected corrective measures was not included in the Self Study.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to continue full approval status for Southwest Junior College Vocational Nursing Education Program at Uvalde, accept the Self-Study Report, and issue the requirements as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

October 22, 2007

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Dear Ms. Hadley:

At the October 18-19, 2007 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the approval status of Southwest Texas Junior College Vocational Nursing Education Program at Uvalde based on the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2006, review of the 2006 Annual Report, and review of the September 2007 Self-Study Report.

Based upon the review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to continue the Full Approval status of the Southwest Texas Junior College Vocational Nursing Program at Uvalde and issue the following requirements to be met:

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Rule 214.6(h) related to Administration and Organization requires that "The director or coordinator shall have the authority to direct the program in all its phases, including approval of teaching staff, selection of appropriate clinical sites, admission, progression, probation, and dismissal of students." Review of the September 2007 Self-Study Report revealed that the report contains ongoing corrective measures. **Therefore**, the program director shall be responsible for the implementation and continuing evaluation of ongoing corrective measures identified in the Self-Study Report.
2. Rule 214.13(a) related to Total Program Evaluation requires that "There shall be a written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program. The plan shall include evaluative criteria, methodology, frequency of evaluation, assignment of responsibility, and indicators (benchmarks) of program and instructional effectiveness." A copy of the Total Program Evaluation Plan was not included with the Self-Study nor was a plan provided whereby the corrective measures would be evaluated. **Therefore**, the program director and faculty shall provide a updated copy of the Total Program Evaluation plan which includes an evaluation of corrective measures outlined in the Self Study with references to dates of minutes where decisions were made based upon evaluative data.

Requirements #1 and #2 shall be completed as one document due in board office by September 1, 2008.

A requirement is a mandatory criterion based on program assessment directly related to the role 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.

Sincerely,

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