

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN APPROVAL STATUS
 BASED ON THE NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATES FOR
 THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS**

**CISCO JUNIOR COLLEGE
 ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning a proposed change in the approval status for Cisco Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-RN® Examination pass rates for the first graduating class.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
July 2005	Granted Initial Approval	Enrolled 20 students in program on August, 2005.	
May 2007	Initial	First class graduated May, 2007. Preliminary results available = 80%	12/15

- Cisco Junior College Associate Degree was granted approval to begin an associate degree nursing program and placed on Initial status by the Board of Nurse Examiners in July 2005. The students enrolled in the program on August, 2005.
- Fifteen students graduated in May of 2007. All graduates have tested. The NCLEX-RN® results for the graduating class are as identified above.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros:

- The program director and faculty have conducted an analysis of the program to identify strengths and weaknesses. Corrective measures have been implemented.
- Attrition has been minimal in the program (15/20 graduates).

Cons:

- None noted

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to change the Initial approval status of the Cisco Junior College Associate Degree nursing education program to Full in accordance with rule 215. 4 related to Approval as noted in the attached letter (Attachment one).

Draft Letter

Agenda Item: 3.2.3.a.
Attachment 1

October 22, 2007

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Dear Ms. Morgan:

At the October 18-19, 2007 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the approval status of the Cisco Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program and the program's NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for first time graduates.

Based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® pass rate, it was the decision of the Board to move the program from Initial Approval to Full Approval.

If we may be of assistance to you, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7658 or email at dorothy.joy@bon.state.tx.us

Sincerely,

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