

NOTIFICATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**RANGER COLLEGE AT COMANCHE AND
 RANGER COLLEGE AT EARLY**

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
Ranger College at Comanche VN Program	2006	Full	84.21%	16/19
	2005	Full	100%	10/10
	2004	Full	100%	9/9

Ranger College at Early VN Program	2006	Full	81.08%	30/37
	2005	Full	91.89%	34/37
	2004	Full	87%	38/44

- Ranger College has operated a vocational nursing (VN) program since 1987 when Cisco Junior College transferred administrative control of the Graham Branch of the their vocational nursing program to Ranger College.
- Records show that Ranger College (RC) has successfully operated two separate programs, located in Comanche and Early, Texas, approximately thirty miles apart, for the last two years.
- RC has decided to consolidate the two programs and presented the following benefits resulting from the consolidation:
 - simplifying paperwork, such as data collection reports and reports to the Texas Board of Nursing; and
 - increasing overall pool of NCLEX-PN® first time test takers under one program code.
- The curriculum for the programs is identical.
- There will not be any changes in the administration of the programs.
- The Comanche location will be designated as the main campus of the program.
- At the program's request, the effective date of the consolidation is October 1, 2007.

SUMMARY:

- Consolidation is effective October 1, 2007.
- The Comanche location will be designated as the main campus of the program
- The Program Code for the RC VN Program at Early will be deactivated.
- The Program Code for the RC VN Program at Comanche will be the only Program Code utilized after October 1, 2007.

REQUESTED ACTION:

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

DRAFT LETTER

October 22, 2007

Kathy Brown BSN, RN, Nursing Department Chair
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Dear Ms. Brown:

At the October 18-19, 2007 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the notification from Ranger College regarding consolidation of the Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Programs at Early and at Comanche under one program code. The Ranger College Vocational Nursing Education Programs will be considered one program effective October 1, 2007 with the main campus located at the Comanche campus. The other program located at the Early campus will be considered an extension campus.

The program code that will be utilized for the consolidated program is 27-129. Students who graduate from the consolidated vocational nursing education program after October 1, 2007 shall use this program code. Program Code 27-173 will be deactivated.

Please provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the new program consolidation as a part of the Total Program Evaluation Plan with the Texas Board of Nursing 2008 Compliance Audit, as appropriate. If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6815.

Sincerely,

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