

NOTIFICATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**VERNON COLLEGE AT VERNON DAY AND EVENING PROGRAM,
 VERNON COLLEGE AT WICHITA FALLS DAY PROGRAM, AND
 VERNON COLLEGE AT WICHITA FALLS EVENING PROGRAM**

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
Vernon College at Vernon Day and Evening VN Program	2006	Full	70.27%	26/37
	2005	Full	94.44%	34/36
	2004	Full	95%	19/20

Vernon College at Wichita Falls Day VN Program	2006	Full	86.25%	69/80
	2005	Full	88.89%	64/72
	2004	Full	97%	68/70

Vernon College at Wichita Falls Evening VN Program	2006	Full	91.67%	22/24
	2005	Full	82.35%	14/17
	2004	Full	NA	No Graduates

- Records show that Vernon College (VC) has successfully operated a vocational nursing (VN) education program at Vernon and various other locations since 1977.
- The VN Evening Program at Vernon was required to complete a Self Study to address the 2007 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 70.27% and the Self-Study Report is to be addressed at the October 18-19, 2007 Board Meeting, (See Agenda Item 3.2.1.f.) The corrective actions resulting from the Self Study will be implemented by the program once the Self Study is accepted by the Board.
- VC has decided to consolidate the three programs into one program and presented the following benefits resulting from the consolidation:
 - consolidation of operational activities will be more efficient,
 - advantage of averaging the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for a larger cohort of students for one pass rate overall,
 - simplification of reports and communication to the Texas Board of Nursing, and
 - consistency of policy and uniformity in curriculum revision.
- The curriculum of all the programs is identical.
- Administration of the programs will remain unchanged.
- Coordinators and assistant directors will continue to report to the director.
- The campus at Century City campus in Wichita Falls will be designated as the main campus for 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 Century City campus in Wichita Falls will be designated as the main campus of the program
- The Program Codes for the VC at Vernon Day and Evening Programs and the Vernon College at Wichita Falls Evening Program will be deactivated.
- The Program Code for the VC VN Day Program at Wichita Falls 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

Lynn Kalski, RN, Director
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Dear Mr. Kalski:

At the October 18-19, 2007 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the notification from Vernon College regarding consolidation of the Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Programs at Vernon (day and evening program with one code) and at Wichita Falls (day and evening programs with two separate codes) into one program under one program code. The Vernon College Vocational Nursing Education Programs will be considered one program effective October 1, 2007 with the main campus located at the Century City campus in Wichita Falls. The other program located at Vernon will be considered an extension campus.

The program code that will be utilized for the consolidated program is 27-167. Students who graduate from the consolidated vocational nursing education program after October 1, 2007 shall use this program code. Program Codes 27-192 and 27-163 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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