

**CONSIDERATION OF PETITION TO CHANGE PROGRAM APPROVAL STATUS  
BASED ON 2007 NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATE  
PATTY HANKS SHELTON SCHOOL OF NURSING, ABILENE TEXAS**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST;**

Consider staff recommendation and petition to change program approval status for Patty Hanks School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2007.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2007	Pending	Preliminary 82.76%	48/58
2006	Full with Warning	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 a 74.14% pass rate on the 2005 NCLEX-RN® examination, the program submitted a self-study report that evaluated factors that contributed to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures which have been implemented and are ongoing.
- In spite of implementing corrective measures, the 2006 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 76.92%.
- At the February 2007 meeting, the Board of Nurse Examiners changed the approval status of the program from full to full with warning and authorized a survey visit.
- Board staff conducted a survey visit on May 2, 2007.
- The program has been vigorously implementing changes to improve graduates' performance on the NCLEX-RN® examination.
- The preliminary pass rate for the 2007 examination year is 82.76%.
- Program is aware of three graduates who have tested for out-of-state license and all have passed. When substantiated, this will increase their pass rate.
- The program is requesting the program's approval status be changed from full with warning to full.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Move to change the approval status of Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program from full with warning to full as in the attached letter.

**DRAFT LETTER**

October 22, 2007

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Dear Dr. Souter:

At the October 18-19, 2007 meeting, the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing based on the preliminary report of the 2007 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate. The members of the Board wish to thank you and Dr. Janet Noles for being present to answer questions.

Based on the discussion and review of the examination pass rate, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Program from full with warning to full effective immediately.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance to you in the future, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814 or [janice.hooper@bon.state.tx.us](mailto:janice.hooper@bon.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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