

**NOTIFICATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS
 SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE AT MCALLEN, TEXAS (DAY AND EVENING),
 SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE AT RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS,
 AND SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE AT WESLACO, TEXAS**

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
South Texas College at McAllen (Day)	2007 Preliminary	Full	92.86%	39/42
	2006	Full	82.69%	43/52
	2005	Full	76.32%	29/38

South Texas College at McAllen (Evening)	2007 Preliminary	Full	100%	19/19
	2006	Full	84.21%	16/19
	2005	Full	100%	21/21

South Texas College at Rio Grande City	2007 Preliminary	Full	85.71%	12/14
	2006	Full	100%	2/2
	2005	first class	84.62%	11/13

South Texas College at Weslaco	2007 Preliminary	Full	96.77%	30/31
	2006	Full	84.62%	33/39
	2005	Full	86.49%	32/37

- The vocational nursing educational (VN()) program at South Texas College at McAllen began when the McAllen Independent School District transferred its post secondary Licensed Vocational Nursing program to Texas Southmost College (now South Texas College) in 1980. An evening part-time program was added to this campus in 2002.
- South Texas at Weslaco VN program dates back to 1998.
- The Rio Grande site for the VN program began in 2003.
- South Texas College has decided to consolidate the VN programs effective August, 2008.

- Program director indicated that consolidation will give the following positive outcomes:
 - Students will benefit from a more varied faculty.
 - The chain of command will be less cumbersome and more direct.
 - There will be more consistency in resolving student problems.
 - The management of the budget will be more consistent and more cost effective.
 - There will be better utilization of faculty.
 - There will be centrally located record storage.
 - One annual report will be less time-consuming.
 - College statistics are reflective of the VN program as a whole.
 - One program code will make reporting NCLEX results much easier.

- The program director suggests the following methods to maintain requirements and standards during the consolidation:
 - Program coordinators will report to the VN program director each week.
 - The program director will visit Weslaco and Rio Grande City campuses weekly
 - The program director will complete faculty classroom and clinical appraisals each semester to assure curriculum consistency.

SUMMARY:

- Consolidation became effective August 1, 2008. The NCLEX-PN examination pass rate for 2008 will include all campuses under one program code.
- Previous program codes for the McAllen Evening, Rio Grande and Weslaco sites will be deactivated.
- Program Code for South Texas College at McAllen (Day) will be the only Program code utilized.

REQUESTED ACTION:

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