

NOTIFICATION OF CLOSURE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Review the notification from Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) regarding closure of the Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program at Keene, Texas effective December 2008.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- The associate degree nursing educational program has been approved by the Board and in operation since 1975.
- SWAU received initial approval to establish a new Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Educational Program in January 2006.
- When the new BSN program was approved, the BNE was notified that the associate degree nursing educational program would be closed after the final class graduated in May 2008.
- The second class of the new baccalaureate program was admitted Spring 2008.

PLANS FOR CLOSURE:

- Academic Provision for Students: The final full class of students enrolled in the current associate degree program graduated in May 2008. However, SWAU is offering a summer class and finishing the last 5 students in December 2008 who needed to repeat one class in order to finish the Associate Degree.
- Provision for Storage of Records: Current students records for the program will be stored with the Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program, but labeled as Associate Degree Nursing Program records.

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

DRAFT LETTER

July 21, 2008

Catherine Turner, PhD, RN, Chair
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Southwestern Adventist University
300 W. Magnolia
Keene, Texas 76059-0567

Dear Dr. Turner:

At the July 17-18, 2008 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the request from Southwestern Adventist University to close their Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program following the graduation of the enrolled students in December 2008. It was the decision of the Board to approve this request based on the program's plan for closure upon approval of the new Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program in January 2006.

Closure will be effective December 31, 2008. The program code for the associate degree program, 27-445, will be deactivated effective December 31, 2008.

If you should have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512)305-7658.

Sincerely,

Linda Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP
President

Dorothy Joy, MSN, RN
Nursing Consultant for Education

cc: Dr. Eric Anderson, President, Southwestern Adventist University