

**CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL STATUS
 BASED ON 2007 NCLEX-PN® EXAMINATION PASS RATES, REVIEW OF 2007 NURSING EDUCATIONAL
 PROGRAM INFORMATION SURVEY (NEPIS) AND 2007 COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF NURSING
 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (CANEP) AND REVIEW OF SELF STUDY**

**TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WOODVILLE, TEXAS
 VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning the approval status and requirement to be met for Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas Vocational Nursing Educational Program based on review of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for 2007, review of the 2007 Nursing Educational Program Information Survey (NEPIS) and 2007 Compliance Audit of Nursing Educational Program (CANEP), and review of the May 2008 Self-Study Report.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
Tyler County Hospital in Woodville	2008 Preliminary Results through 09/30/08	Full	93.22%	55/59
	2007	Full	78.69%	48/51
	2006	Full	91.67%	55/60
	2005	Full	85.29%	29/34

- The program originated in 1956 at Lamar College in Beaumont, Texas with the theory component being taught in Beaumont, Texas and the clinical site provided by Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.
- In 1960, the program began as Tyler County Hospital Vocational Nursing Program.
- The program is totally supported by Tyler County Hospital.
- The program is housed in two adjoining buildings near the hospital. One building is designated for the classroom and the other building has faculty offices, records storage, library, skills' lab with storage area, break room and restrooms.
- The program is accredited by Texas Workforce Commission and the hospital is accredited by Department of State Health Services.
- Board staff conducted a survey visit on June 12, 2008 and the program is in the process of addressing the recommendations and requirements issued by the Board at the July 17-18, 2008 Board meeting.
- Due to the 78.69% pass rate on the 2007 NCLEX-PN® examination, the program was required to submit a self-study report that evaluated factors that contributed to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The May 2008 Self-Study Report was received in the Board office on July 2, 2008.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros-

- The program conducted a comprehensive self-study and identified two major factors that may have contributed to the low pass rate:
 - Academic dishonesty by some students on tests throughout the year; and
 - Lack of preparation for the NCLEX-PN® examination on the part of some students.

- Corrective measures that were identified:
 - Admissions test was changed to the ATI TEAS test;
 - Students are also given an ATI Critical Thinking exam at the beginning of the school year and one at the end of the school year in order to allow for comparison of students' progress for the year;
 - Absence policy for 2008 was changed removing the petition option for students missing more than the allowed number of days;
 - Grading policy was changed and now daily grades count as 30% of the final grade, unit tests count as 50%, and the final exam (ATI) counts as 20% of the final grade;
 - Tests have been rewritten and review procedures changed to eliminate the possibility of students obtaining copies of the tests;
 - Minor changes have been made in the course time schedule;
 - ATI assessment tests have been given more weight in students' grades;
 - Review course has been changed to a more personalized/computerized study; and
 - Graded clinical program has been implemented.
- Preliminary NCLEX-PN® examination rates for 2008 are 93.22% with only one quarter remaining in the 2008 testing calendar.

Cons-

- A Total Program Evaluation Plan was included with the Self-Study Report with all the required broad areas in the plan, but the plan does not have numerical benchmarks (indicators), indicated responsible persons, or decision parameters for taking action in the components in the plan. A requirement related to these areas was issued at the July 2008 Board meeting.
- The program was issued recommendations and requirements by the Board at the July 17-18, 2008 Board meeting resulting from the June 12, 2008 survey visit and the program is just beginning to address these recommendations and requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to continue full approval status for the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas Vocational Nursing Educational Program, accept the Self-Study Report, and issue the requirement to be met as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

October 30, 2008

Eva Stanley, MSN, RN, Director
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Dear Ms. Stanley:

At the October 23-24, 2008 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) reviewed the approval status of the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas Vocational Nursing Educational Program based on the Board staff's report regarding review of the 2007 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates, review of the 2007 Nursing Educational Program Information Survey (NEPIS) and 2007 Compliance Audit of Nursing Educational Program (CANEP), and the May 2008 self-study report.

Based upon the review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to continue the full approval status of the Tyler County Hospital Vocational Nursing Educational Program, accept the self-study report and issue the following requirement to be met:

REQUIREMENT:

Rule 214.6(h) related to Administration and Organization, requires in pertinent part that in a vocational nursing educational program "The director or coordinator shall have the authority to direct the program in all its phases, including approval of teaching staff, selection of appropriate clinical sites, admission, progression, probation, and dismissal of students." A review of the 2008 Self-Study Report revealed that the report contains ongoing corrective measures. Review of previous Board reports revealed and that recommendations and requirements issued by the Board at the July 17-18, 2008 meeting resulting from the June 12, 2008 survey visit are still ongoing. **Therefore**, the nursing program director shall be responsible for the implementation and continuing evaluation of ongoing corrective measures identified in the May 2008 self study and the ongoing recommendations and requirements from the July 2008 Board meeting. The program director shall submit documentation of implementation of the corrective actions from the 2008 Self-Study Report and documentation of the address of the ongoing recommendations and requirements from the June 12, 2008 survey visit with the 2008 and 2009 NEPIS and CANEP as appropriate.

Requirements are mandatory criterion based on program assessment directly related to the rule that shall be addressed in the manner prescribed. If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6816 or by email at paul.waller@bon.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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