

**REPORT OF ROUTINE SIX-YEAR SURVEY VISIT
MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT WACO, TEXAS
MULTIPLE ENTRY-EXIT PROGRAM
VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider the report of the routine six-year survey visit of the Multiple Entry-Exit Program at McLennan Community College at Waco, Texas.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates Passed/Total
2007	Full	97.56%	40/41
2006	Full	87.50%	42/48
2005	Full	91.52%	54/59

- Preliminary NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2008 is 100% (22/22). The examination year ends December 31, 2008.
- McLennan Community College Associate Degree Program (ADN) added the Multiple Entry-Exit Option (MEEP) in 1976. A MEEP option prepares students in an Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program with additional course work and clinical experiences to allow them to take the NCLEX-PN® examination at a point during their educational program.
- The last routine six-year survey visit was conducted in February 2001.
- Routine survey visits to the traditional McLennan Vocational Nursing Educational Program and the MEEP were scheduled together on September 29-30, 2008.
- BON survey visitors were Janice Hooper, PhD, RN and Virginia Holmes, MSN, RN.

SUMMARY OF SURVEY VISIT:

- McLennan Community College is located at 1400 College Drive in Waco, Texas.
- Melesia Henry, MSN, RN is the new director of the ADN Program at McLennan Community College and also directs the MEEP Option.

Activities During Survey Visit

Board staff:

- Met with college administrators in regards to both traditional VN and MEEP programs.
- Interviewed Director: Melesia Henry, MSN, RN who directs the ADN program and the MEEP option.
- Interviewed 3 students who had completed the MEEP option and had passed the licensure examination. They are presently working part time as licensed vocational nurses while completing their associate's degree in nursing.
- Reviewed VNSG 1463, the required course taken by students completing the MEEP option.
- Reviewed other documents supplementing the course and student assignments.
- Tour of college facilities had been accomplished for VN program visit.
- Conducted a summary conference with administration and directors for VN and MEEP programs.

Survey Visit Findings

Positive Findings:

- Students who wish to complete the MEEP option take VNSG 1119, the VN role course with the students in the traditional VN program

- The director carefully screens all students interested in taking VNSG 1463, a 6-week intensive clinical course during the second summer session of the ADN program.
- VNSG 1463 provides a six-week, five day a week, 8 hour day clinical experience under close faculty supervision.
- Students in this clinical course will care for up to 3 patients each.
- The clinical evaluation tool is competency-based and allows the faculty to evaluate the students skill level for their readiness to apply to take the NCLEX-PN examination.
- The director reports that students who take this course perform better in the second year of the ADN program.
- The students confirmed the rigor and value of this clinical course.

Area of Concern:

- No formal evaluation of the MEEP program is in place.
- Decisions about VNSG 1463 or the MEEP option are made at the ADN level. No minutes related to discussing this program were reviewed.

PROPOSED COMMENDATIONS:

1. The director of the MEEP program is commended for her excellent leadership and dedication to the program.
2. The program is commended for the excellent clinical experiences for the MEEP students.

PROPOSED REQUIREMENT:

Rule 214.13 *Total Program Evaluation* requires "There shall be a written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program..."

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Educational Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The ADN Total Program Evaluation Plan is well developed and benchmarks are in place for all items. However, the evaluation of the MEEP option and VNSG 1463 are not included in either evaluation plan (VN or RN). The appropriate place for this evaluation would be in the ADN Plan. The director provided some documentation indicating that evaluation efforts are in place. **Therefore**, the director of the MEEP program and faculty who teach VNSG 1463 shall develop criteria and a plan to evaluate aspects of this program within the Total Program Evaluation Plan for the ADN Program. This section of the evaluation plan with any data/decisions shall be submitted to board staff with the 2009 CANEP or by November 1, 2009. In addition, copies of minutes which document faculty decisions related to the evaluation shall also be submitted to board staff with the 2009 CANEP or by November 1, 2009.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to accept the report of the routine six-year survey visit of McLennan Community College MEEP Vocational Nursing Educational Program at Waco, Texas and issue the commendations and requirement to be met based on staff recommendation as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

Melesia Henry, MSN, RN, Director
Vocational Nursing Educational Program MEEP
McLennan Community College
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Waco, Texas 76708

Dear Ms. Henry:

At the October 23-24, 2008 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the report of the routine six-year survey visit of the McLennan Community College Vocational Nursing Educational Program MEEP at Waco. It was the decision of the Board to accept the report of the survey visit and issue the following commendations and requirement to be met:

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A requirement is a mandatory criterion based on program assessment directly related to the rule that must 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) 305-6814 or by email at janice.hooper@bon.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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