

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE) REPORT

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

This report is an update regarding the status of the ACE activities and is presented for informational purposes.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- At the July 17-18, 2008 Board meeting, the Board issued four new charges to ACE. The charges are as follows:
 - Review and revision of the Differentiated Entry Level Competencies (DELIC).
 - Study and recommendations regarding the issues involved with permitting a student who has partially completed a professional nursing educational program or graduated from a professional nursing educational program and then failed the NCLEX-RN® Examination, to apply for licensure as a vocational nurse in Texas by taking NCLEX-PN® Examination.
 - Determine the addition of clinical requirements for programs outside Texas' jurisdiction that do not require clinical learning experiences to be included in the program of study and want their graduates to be eligible for nursing licensure in Texas.
 - Review the revised Board processes for addressing programs' overall pass rates that are below 80% in relation to the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation 1.9.
- The ACE met via conference call on September 10, 2008 and began preliminary planning regarding the ACE response to the Board's four new charges issued at the July 17-18, 2008 Board meeting. A face-to-face ACE meeting was scheduled for October 1, 2008.
- At the October 1, 2008 ACE meeting:
 - The ACE addressed the Board charge related to the review of the revised Board processes for addressing programs' overall pass rates that are below 80% in relation to the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation 1.9.
 - The ACE voted unanimously to recommend revisions to the current self study process outlined in the 3.2.1.a. Education Guideline, Writing a Self-Study Report on Evaluation of Factors which Contributed to the Graduates' Performance on the NCLEX-PN® or NCLEX-RN® Examination in response to the Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation, Management Action 1.9 (See Agenda Item 7.2.1.).
 - Additional preliminary planning for addressing the Board charge related to the review and revision of the Differentiated Entry Level Competencies (DELIC) was discussed, including the
 - structure of the DELIC Work Group;
 - chairperson of the DELIC Work Group; and
 - time line of the project.
 - The ACE determined that the DELIC Work Group would meet independently from the ACE to complete all the basic work and bring back suggested recommendations for revisions of the DELIC to the ACE as a whole for final determination of the recommendations.
 - A face-to-face ACE meeting was scheduled for November 17, 2008 and a conference call ACE meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2008. During these two ACE meetings the following charges will be addressed:
 - study and recommendations regarding the issues involved with permitting a student who has partially completed a professional nursing educational program or graduated from a professional nursing educational program and then failed the NCLEX-RN® Examination, to apply for licensure as a vocational nurse in Texas by taking NCLEX-PN® Examination; and
 - determination of the addition of clinical requirements for programs outside Texas' jurisdiction that do not require clinical learning experiences to be included in the program of study and want their graduates to be eligible for nursing licensure in Texas.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

There is no staff recommendation for Board action. This report is for informational purposes only.