

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF PROGRAM APPROVAL STATUS
 CLARENDON COLLEGE IN CLARENDON, TEXAS
 VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning the proposed change of the program approval status of the Clarendon College in Clarendon, Texas, Vocational Nursing (VN) Educational Program based on review of the program's 2008 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the first-quarter 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the 2008 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and the documentation verifying the program's appropriate address of the recommendations and requirements previously issued by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates Passed/Total
2009	Warning	Preliminary Results 01/01/09 - 03/31/09 94.12%	16/17
2008	Warning	88.57%	31/35
2007	Full	79.31%	23/29
2006	Full	68.00%	17/25
2005	Full	90.91%	20/22
2004	Full	90.00%	9/10
2003	Full	94.44%	17/18

- The Clarendon College VN Educational Program began operation in June 1980.
- Due to the 68.00% pass rate on the 2006 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.
- Based upon an analysis of the self-study report at the October 2007 Board meeting, the program was issued two requirements.
- In spite of implementing corrective measures, the 2007 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 79.31%.
- At the July 17-18, 2008 Board meeting, the Board changed the approval status of Clarendon College VN Educational Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorized staff to conduct a survey visit in Fall 2008.
- Board staff conducted a focused survey visit of the program October 8-9, 2008 to evaluate the program's status regarding the ongoing corrective measures and identify any other causative factors that might have contributed to the low pass rates.
- The program's 2008 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 88.57% and the first quarter results indicate that for the period of 01/01/09 - 03/31/09, the program's 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate is 94.12%.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros-

- The program has submitted documentation verifying that all recommendations and requirements previously issued by the Board have been appropriately addressed.
- The program's 2008 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 88.57% and the first quarter results indicate that for the period of 01/01/09 - 03/31/09, the program's 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate is 94.12%.

Cons-

None noted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to change the approval status for the Clarendon College Vocational Nursing Educational Program from Full with Warning to Full, as indicated in the attached letter (*See Attachment*).

DRAFT LETTER

April 30, 2009

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Dear Ms. Norton:

At the April 23-24, 2009 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) reviewed the approval status of the Clarendon College in Clarendon, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program based on review of the program's 2008 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the first quarter 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the 2008 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and the documentation verifying the program's appropriate address of the recommendations and requirements previously issued by the Texas BON. The members of the Texas BON wish to thank you for being available at the meeting to answer questions.

Based upon the review of documents, it was the decision of the Texas BON to change the approval status of the Clarendon College Vocational Nursing Educational Program from Full with Warning to Full. If you have any questions, or if we may provide assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7660 or by email at virginia.ayars@bon.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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