

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF PROGRAM APPROVAL STATUS
 KILGORE COLLEGE
 ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning the proposed change of the program approval status of the Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas, Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Educational Program based on review of the program's 2008 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, the preliminary 2009 NCLEX-RN® 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-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates Passed/Total
2009	Warning	Preliminary Results 10/01/08 - 03/31/09 90.70%	39/43
2008	Warning	82.42%	75/91
2007	Full	76.74%	66/86
2006	Full	79.59%	39/49
2005	Full	91.11%	41/45
2004	Full	80.00%	32/40
2003	Full	92.59%	50/54
2002	Full	70.50%	31/44

- The Kilgore College ADN Educational Program began operation in 1969.
- In January 2003, the program completed a self study due to a 70.50% NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2002. Corrective actions were implemented by the program and these corrective actions were evidently effective as the program's pass rate remained 80% or greater until 2006.
- The current program director was appointed to the director position on August 15, 2006.
- Due to a 79.59% pass rate on the 2006 NCLEX-RN® examination, the program completed a self study and implemented corrective measures.
- At the April 2007 Board meeting, the Board accepted the Self-Study Report and issued two (2) requirements to be met based on analysis of the report.
- The program implemented the corrective measures identified in the 2007 Self-Study Report and addressed the two (2) requirements to be met, but even with these corrective measures, the program's 2007 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 76.74%.
- Board staff conducted a focused survey visit of the program April 29 - May 1, 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.
- At the July 17-18, 2008 Board meeting, the Board accepted the report of the survey visit and issued commendations, recommendations, requirements to be met. The program has submitted documentation verifying that the program has appropriately addressed these previous Board-issued recommendations and requirements.
- The program's for 2008 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 82.72% and preliminary results indicate that for the period of 10/01/08 - 03/31/09, the program's 2009 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate is 90.70%.

PROS AND CONS:

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- The program has submitted documentation verifying that all recommendations and requirements previously issued by the Board have been appropriately addressed.
- The program's for 2008 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 82.72% and preliminary results indicate that for the period of 10/01/08 - 03/31/09, the program's 2009 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate is 90.70%.

Cons-

None noted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DRAFT LETTER

April 30, 2009

Dayna Davidson, MSN, RN, Director
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Dear Ms. Davidson:

At the April 23-24, 2009 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) reviewed the approval status of the Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas, Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program based on review of the program's 2008 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, the preliminary 2009 NCLEX-RN® 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 Kilgore College Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program from Full with Warning to Full. If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6815 or by email at robbin.wilson@bon.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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