

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF APPROVAL STATUS
 BASED ON 2007 NCLEX-PN® EXAMINATION PASS RATES AND REVIEW OF 2008 NURSING
 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION SURVEY (NEPIS) AND 2008 COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF
 NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (CANEP)**

**RANGER COLLEGE IN COMANCHE, TEXAS
 VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning the approval status for the Ranger College (RC) in Comanche, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program based on review of the 2008 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and review of the 2008 NEPIS and 2008 CANEP.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
Ranger College at Comanche (Consolidated) VN Program	Preliminary Results through 07/06/09	Pending	100%	1/1
	2008	Full	77.78%	35/45
	2007	Full	78.57%	44/56

Ranger College at Comanche VN Program	2006	Full	84.21%	16/19
	2005	Full	100%	10/10
	2004	Full	100%	9/9

Ranger College at Early VN Program	2006	Full	81.08%	30/37
	2005	Full	91.89%	34/37
	2004	Full	87%	38/44

- RC has operated a vocational nursing (VN) educational program since 1987 when Cisco Junior College transferred administrative control of the Graham Branch of the their vocational nursing educational program to RC.
- The last survey visit of the program was conducted by Board staff in March 2002.
- Records show that RC successfully operated two separate programs, located in Comanche and Early, Texas, approximately thirty miles apart, for two years prior to deciding to consolidate the two programs into one program. This consolidation became effective on October 1, 2007 with the main campus of the program designated as the campus located in Comanche, Texas.
- Due to the 79.59% 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.
- The February 2008 Self-Study Report was received in the Board office on June 17, 2008. The Texas BON accepted the 2008 Self-Study Report at the October 2008 Board meeting and issued a recommendation and two requirements to be met.

- The program implemented the identified corrective measures, including raising the course passing standard to 80%, requiring a higher score on the Asset exam that is used as an admission screening examination, more effective utilization of the Total Program Evaluation Plan, implementing tutoring classes for students, revising examination questions to be more like NCLEX-PN style questions, allowing student input into faculty meetings, and implementing an improved new faculty orientation plan.
- Implementation of the identified corrective measures was delayed due to waiting for administration approval and therefore, may not been in place a sufficient amount of time to produce a positive impact on the program's overall 2008 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate.
- All the identified corrective measures have been fully implemented at this time.
- The program has addressed the previous Board-issued recommendation and requirements.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros-

- The program's preliminary 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate through July 6, 2009 is 100%.
- All identified corrective measures from the 2008 Self Study have been implemented at this time.
- There is sufficient time remaining in the 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination year for the identified corrective measures to make a positive impact on the program's overall 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate.

Cons-

- The last survey visit of the program was conducted by Board staff in March 2002.
- Only one candidate has taken the NCLEX-PN® examination so far during the 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination year.

BACKGROUND FOR STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Rule 214.4(c)(2)(C) related to Approval sets forth the parameters for changing a program's approval status from full to full with warning as follows:

(C)A warning shall be issued to the program when the pass rate of first-time candidates ... is less than 80% for two consecutive examination years.

When a program is placed on full with warning program approval status, the program is given a list of the deficiencies and a specified time in which to correct deficiencies. Board staff usually conduct a survey visit of a program after the program is placed on full with warning program approval status in order to identify areas of concern and provide assistance to the program by suggesting corrective measures for the program to improve the performance of the graduates on the NCLEX examination.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to change the Ranger College Vocational Nursing Educational Program approval status from full to full with warning in accordance with rule requirements and authorize Board staff to conduct a survey visit of the program in Fall 2009, as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

July 28, 2009

Patsy Davis, ADN, RN
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Director of the Early Vocational Nursing Program
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Dear Ms. Davis:

At the July 23-24, 2009 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) reviewed the approval status of the Ranger College in Comanche, 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). Thank you for being present to answer the Board members' questions.

Based upon the review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to move the Ranger College Vocational Nursing Educational Program approval status from full to full with warning in accordance with rule requirements and authorize Board staff to conduct a survey visit of the program in Fall 2009.

Board staff will contact you in the near future to coordinate arrangements for the upcoming survey visit this fall. 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@bne.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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