

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF PROGRAM APPROVAL STATUS
BASED ON 2009 NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATE
BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEM SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider the request to change the approval status from initial to full for Baptist Health System School of Health Professions in San Antonio, Texas, Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program based upon the 2009 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- Baptist Health System School of Health Professions nursing education dates back to 1903.
- In 2004 the school began the process of transition to a degree-granting institution by revising the curriculum to a Workforce Education course Manual curriculum in April 2004.
- In April 2007, the professional nursing curriculum was revised to meet all requirements of the Associate of Applied Science, including the addition of five general education courses. Approval of the new curriculum from all oversight agencies was received in Summer 2007.
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) authorized the program to grant a degree based upon their accreditation with Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES).
- The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) awarded initial approval to the Baptist Health System Associate Degree Educational Program at the January 2009 Board meeting.
- The transition from a diploma school to an associate degree educational program was complete with the official closure of the diploma program at the January 2010 Board meeting.
- The curriculum has been in place since 2007 and faculty, clinical settings, and physical resources remain the same.
- A survey visit was conducted by board staff in January 2009.
- The first class graduating from the Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program has achieved a 92.17% NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate (106/115) for 2009.
- The program requests the approval status be changed from initial to full.

Pros:

- The program has complied with the Texas Nursing Practice Act Section 301.157(a-1) which states that "A diploma program of study in this state that leads to an initial license as a registered nurse under this chapter and that is completed on or after December 31, 2014, must entitle a student to receive a degree on the student's successful completion of a degree program of a public or private institution of higher education accredited by an agency recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board."
- The program has maintained high NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates through the transition.
- The program is in compliance with Rule 215 Professional Nursing Education.

Cons:

- None noted

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to change the approval status for Baptist Health System School of Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program in San Antonio, Texas, from initial to full approval based upon the 2009 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and review of the 2009 Nursing Educational Program Information Survey (NEPIS) and the 2009 Compliance Audit for Nursing Education Programs (CANEP), and issue the commendation in the attached letter. (Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

April 26, 2010

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Dear Ms. Brady:

At the April 22-23, 2010 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the request from Baptist Health System School of Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program to change the approval status from initial to full. Based upon the 2009 Nursing Educational Program Information Survey (NEPIS), the 2009 Compliance Audit for Nursing Educational Programs (CANEP), and the 2009 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status from initial to full, and offer the following commendation:

Commendation:

The faculty and administration are commended for the graduates' 97.17% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN® for the 2009 examination year.

The Board congratulates Baptist Health System School on the successful transition from diploma to professional nursing education.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact board staff at 512-305-7658 or paul.waller@bon.state.tx.us

Sincerely,

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