

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF PROGRAM APPROVAL STATUS  
BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY 2010 NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATE  
AND NATIONAL NURSING ACCREDITATION**

**TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER COLLEGE OF NURSING IN COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Consider proposed change of the approval status from Initial to Full for Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing in College Station, Texas, Baccalaureate Nursing Degree (BSN) Educational Program based on the preliminary 2010 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for the first graduating class and accreditation by the Accrediting Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First-Time Candidates Who Tested (Passed/Total)</b>
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas	Preliminary 2010	Initial	100% First Cohort	19/19

- In July 2008, the Board granted Initial approval to Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program in College Station, Texas. Classes began in Fall 2008.
- The program's first cohort of nineteen (19) students graduated in December 2009 and nineteen (19) students tested during the second quarter of the 2010 examination year with a 100% pass rate.
- CCNE conducted a survey visit in May 2009 with a very favorable outcome, and accreditation was granted in October 2009
- The program is requesting a move to full BON approval.

**PROS AND CONS:**

Pros-

- The program's preliminary 2010 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate is 100% based on the first cohort of graduates.
- The program achieved CCNE accreditation in October 2009.

Cons-

- none noted

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Move to change the program approval status of Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program from Initial Approval to Full Approval based on review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for the first cohort of students and accreditation by CCNE Accrediting Commission as noted in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER**

April 23, 2010

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Dear Dr. Wilkerson:

At the April 22-23, 2010 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) considered the approval status of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program in College Station, Texas, based on the preliminary 2010 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate and the accreditation by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The Board wishes to thank you for being present to answer questions.

Based upon the review, it was the decision of the Texas BON to move the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program approval status from Initial to Full Approval. The Board wishes to congratulate Texas A&M Nursing Department on the successes of the past two years.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board staff by phone at 513.463.4631 or by e-mail at [robin.caldwell@bon.state.tx.us](mailto:robin.caldwell@bon.state.tx.us)

Sincerely,

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