

**Consideration for Change of Approval Status from Full to Full with Warning  
Galveston College in Galveston, Texas  
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Galveston College Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Galveston, Texas, based upon the review of the 2010 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the 2010 NEPIS, and Rule 214.

**Historical Perspective:**

- Galveston College Vocational Nursing Program has been in operation since 1969.
- The program has remained on full approval for at least the past ten years.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past five years:

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2010	Full - Pending Board Action	54.55%	12/22
2009	Full	71.43%	15/21
2008	Full	91.67%	22/24
2007	Full	85.71%	30/35
2006	Full	84.85%	28/33

- Galveston College VN program was required to complete a Self-Study report because of the 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate falling below the required 80%. The Self-Study report (received in board office on May 17, 2010) evaluated factors which contributed to graduates' performance and included a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- An analysis of the self-study report did not identify any specific problems which may have affected the pass rate. The one event which may have contributed to the performance of the graduates was the impact of Hurricane Ike upon the progress of the students in the program. Whether this crisis has had a continuing effect on the program is unknown.
- The program implemented a number of corrective measures to improve graduates' success on the NCLEX-PN® examination but the 2010 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 54.55%.
- The current program director was appointed on June 22, 2009. She has been in contact with board staff related to the status of changes being made to assist students to succeed in the vocational nursing program.

**PROS AND CONS:**

Pros:

- The self-study report from the program analyzed all aspects of the program and resulted in including a standardized examination program and increasing admission criteria and required GPA for progression in the program. These measures were planned to begin in 2010 and 2011.

Cons:

- Despite ongoing evaluation and the institution of corrective measures, the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate continues to be below 80%.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status of Galveston College in Galveston, Texas Vocational Nursing Education Program from full to full with warning and authorize board staff to conduct a survey visit as indicated in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

May 2, 2011

Elaine Renola, MSN, RN, Director  
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Dear Ms. Renola:

At the April 28-29, 2011 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Galveston College Vocational Nursing Education Program based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2010, review of the 2010 NEPIS, and compliance with Rule 214. Members of the Board wish to thank you and,,, for being present at the meeting to answer questions.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Galveston College Vocational Nursing Education Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorize a survey visit in 2011. Board staff will contact you to schedule the survey visit.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814.

Sincerely,

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