

**Consideration for Change of Approval Status from Intial to Initial with Warning
University of Houston-Victoria in Sugar Land, Texas
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of the University of Houston-Victoria (UH-V) Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Sugar Land, Texas, based upon the review of the 2010 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the 2010 NEPIS, and Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program at the UH-V campus in Sugar Land was approved by the Board at the July 2008 meeting.
- The program is a second degree professional nursing program designed for students who have a bachelor's degree in another discipline.
- The program has remained on initial approval since it began in 2008.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past two years:

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2010	Initial	28.57%	2/7
2009	Initial	77.78%	7/9

- UH-V was required to complete a Self-Study report because of the 2009 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate falling below the required 80%. The Self-Study report (received in board office on April 5, 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 indicated that major problems included inadequate admission criteria for the first cohort, nursing faculty who were new to BSN education and unprepared for the technological requirements, and the logistics of teaching a compressed curriculum.
- Even though the program has been implementing corrective measures to improve graduates' success on the NCLEX-RN® examination, the 2010 NCLEX was 28.57%.
- The last survey visit to UH-V was conducted on June 23, 2008 prior to the program enrolling students.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros:

- The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Education (CCNE).
- The program has a group of fully qualified faculty and teaching resources to facilitate an excellent program.

Cons:

- The small numbers of graduates have affected the pass rates. Some graduates delayed taking the NCLEX-RN® examination after completing the program.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of the University of Houston-Victoria Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Sugar Land, Texas, from initial to initial with warning and authorize board staff to conduct a survey visit as indicated in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 31, 2011

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Dear Dr. Tart:

At the January 27-28, 2011 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Second Degree Baccalaureate Nursing Education Program at the University of Houston-Victoria in Sugar Land, Texas, based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2010, review of the 2010 NEPIS, and compliance with Rule 215. 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 University of Houston-Victoria Second Degree Baccalaureate Nursing Education Program in Sugar Land, Texas, from initial to initial 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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