

**Consideration of Change of Approval Status from Full to Full with Warning
 Angelo State University, Texas
 Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Angelo State University Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in San Angelo, Texas, based upon the review of the 2011 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, the 2010 NEPIS, and Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- Angelo State University ADN Program has been in operation since 1968.
- The ADN program includes tracks: a traditional LVN to ADN track, a two-year generic track, and a pilot 21-week THECB-funded LVN to ADN track.
- Angelo State University also offers an RN to BSN program and a Master's degree in nursing program. The ADN, RN to BSN, and MSN programs are NLNAC accredited.
- Angelo State University was approved by the Board at the July 2011 meeting to begin a generic BSN nursing program. Board Staff conducted a survey visit to Angelo State University prior to the approval.
- The ADN program was required to submit a self-study report in March 2011 due to the NCLEX-RN examination pass rate.
- Even though the program implemented corrective measures, the 2011 NCLEX-RN pass rate also fell below the required 80%:

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2011	Pending	60.13%	92/153
2010	Full	70.34%	83/118
2009	Full	81.05%	77/95
2008	Full	92.65%	63/68
2007	Full	83.56%	61/73

- In the analysis of the self study report, the program identified several strengths and weaknesses of the program:
 - Strengths:
 - Ongoing faculty development
 - Simulation lab and computerized testing center
 - Evaluation of teaching methods
 - New and innovative programs
 - Weaknesses:
 - Admission criteria for innovative programs
 - Review and follow-up of program evaluation data
 - Department Communication
 - Orientation and mentorship of new faculty
 - Grading criteria for progression to next level
 - Standardized testing and remediation plans

- Dr. Wilkinson has questioned whether the weaknesses were more prevalent in one of the tracks, and found that initially the 21 week LVN to AND track impacted the pass rate. However, with the changes implemented, the current analysis does not indicate a strong association indicating differences in NCLEX-RN results across tracks.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros:

- The program has continued to evaluate areas in the program which may have contributed to the low NCLEX-RN pass rates.
- The program has strengthened admission criteria for the ADN program.

Cons:

- Managing several tracks in the ADN program has proven to be challenging.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of Angelo State University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Angelo, Texas from full to full with warning and schedule a survey visit as appropriate. (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 23, 2012

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Dear Dr. Wilkinson:

At the January 19-20, 2012 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Angelo State University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2011 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 Angelo State University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Angelo, Texas, from full to full with warning and authorize a survey visit in 2012 as appropriate.

It is the responsibility of the program director to inform the university administration of this action.

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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