

**Addendum to Request for Approval of a Joint Pilot Project
Among a Group of Associate Degree Nursing Education Programs
for an Innovative Professional Nursing Education Program Approach
Using Concept-Based Instruction
Collin County Community College in McKinney, Texas**

Summary of Request:

Collin County Community College in McKinney, Texas, has requested to join the group of Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Programs participating in the Innovative Nursing Education Pilot Project approved by the Board at the January 2013 meeting.

Background:

- At the January 2013 meeting, the Board granted a request from Trinity Valley Community College in collaboration with six (6) other ADN programs for an exemption from Rule 214.9(i) in the implementation of the grant-funded project, *The Texas Concept-Based Nursing Curriculum* (See Agenda Item 3.2.10, January 2013 Board Meeting).
- This exemption allowed the seven (7) programs to proceed with implementing the concept-based curriculum without submitting a major curriculum change proposal for Board Staff approval.
- Collin County Community College in McKinney, Texas, ADN program is requesting to join the other programs in this initial cohort of programs implementing and evaluating the concept-based instruction (See Attachment #1).
- The other programs included in this initial group of ADN programs using concept-based curriculum beginning Fall 2013 are:
 - El Centro College
 - McLennan Community College
 - San Antonio College
 - Weatherford College
 - Wharton College
- Houston Community College has withdrawn from participating in the project at this time.
- Other ADN programs may choose to adopt the concept-based curriculum but they will not be included in this exemption.
- Other changes in the schools participating in the pilot project beginning Fall 2013 are not expected.

Pros and Cons:

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- Participation of a group of ADN programs in the use of concept-based instruction will provide valuable evaluation data about the effectiveness of this model of instruction.
- Anecdotal comments from two other Member Boards indicate that concept-based instruction in nursing education is effective.

Cons:

- Moving into a new model of instruction requires preparation of faculty and continuous evaluation of outcomes to effect success.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the inclusion of Collin County Community College ADN Program among the group of ADN programs participating in the innovative pilot project to utilize concept-based instruction. (See letter in Attachment #2).



February 18, 2013

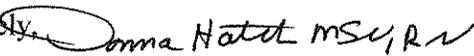
Dr. Jan Hooper
Texas Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe #3-460
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Dr. Hooper,

I am writing to petition the board to join innovative pilot project to develop and implement a concept-based curriculum for associate degree nursing programs. This would allow Collin College to participate in a Nursing Innovation Grant Program (NIGP) administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in collaboration with Trinity Valley Community College, El Centro College; Houston Community College; McLennan Community College; San Antonio College; Weatherford College and Wharton County Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Education Programs. The title of the NIGP is "The Texas Concept-Based Curriculum".

I am the new Interim Director for Collin College Nursing Program, and the reason for the request is that I was not aware of this opportunity to be a part of the Nursing Innovative Grant Program until made aware at the TOADN meeting in Austin on February 1, 2013. My faculty and I are extremely excited about working on this grant. I have spoken with Ms. Helen Reid, who is the project director. She has given approval for Collin College to join pilot project under the grant.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. My hope is this request is added as an information item for the board's consideration.

Sincerely, 
Donna Hatch MSN, RN
Interim Nursing Director

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DRAFT LETTER

April 18, 2013

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Dear Ms. Hatch:

At the April 18-19, 2013 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing approved the request from the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Collin County Community College in McKinney, Texas, to join the group of associate degree nursing (ADN) education programs participating in the pilot project to develop and implement a concept-based curriculum for ADN programs that was approved at the January 2013 Board meeting.

Best wishes as your program moves forward with this initiative. We look forward to receiving evaluation data to determine the effectiveness of this instructional model. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP
President of the Board

copy: Helen Reid, EdD, MSN, RN, Provost, Trinity Valley Community College