

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status from Initial to Full Approval  
Concordia University Texas in Austin, Texas  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the approval status from Initial to Full Approval for the Concordia University Texas, Austin, Texas Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program based on the 2012 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, compliance with Texas Board of Nursing (Board) Rule 215, and pending accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

**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>
Concordia University Texas Austin, Texas	2012	Initial	80%	16/20

- In April 2010, the Board granted Initial Approval to Concordia University Texas to establish a BSN Education Program in Austin, Texas. Classes began in August 2010.
- The program's first cohort of 21 students graduated in April 2012 and 20 students tested during the 2012 NCLEX-RN® examination year with an 80% pass rate.
- The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education conducted a survey visit on November 6-9, 2012 with a very favorable outcome. Initial national nursing accreditation is anticipated in Spring 2013.
- The program is requesting a change from Initial to Full Approval by the Board.

**Pros and Cons:**

Pros:

- The program's 2012 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate is 80%.
- The program evaluation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education visitors in November 2012 was very positive.

Cons:

- None identified.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the program approval status of Concordia University Texas Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program from Initial to Full Approval based on review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for the 2012 examination year, compliance with Board Rule 215, and pending accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, as noted in the attached letter (See Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER**

January 21, 2013

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Dear Dr. Penticuff:

At the January 17-18, 2013 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the approval status of the Concordia University Texas Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Austin, Texas, based on the 2012 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate, compliance with Board Rule 215, and the pending accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Based upon the review, it was the decision of the Board to move the Concordia University Texas Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program approval status from Initial to Full Approval. The Board wishes to congratulate the Concordia University Texas Nursing Department on the successes of the past two years.

If you have questions, or if we may provide assistance, please contact Board Staff via e-mail at [virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov](mailto:virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov) or by telephone at 512-305-7660.

Sincerely,

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education