

**Notification of Closure of Nursing Education Program
Sanford-Brown College in Dallas, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary:

Rule 215.3(d) related to Closing a Program states that "A program shall notify the Board office in writing of their intent to close the program." Sanford-Brown College in Dallas, Texas has provided notification to the Board of their intent to not begin enrolling students into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program, effective July 8, 2013 (See Attachment #1).

Historical Perspective:

- Sanford-Brown College is owned by Ultrasound Technical Services, Inc., which is wholly owned by Career Education Corporation (CEC). The principal offices of CEC, a Delaware corporation, are located in Schaumburg, Illinois.
- Sanford-Brown College was approved to establish a new ADN Program in Dallas, Texas at the October 2011 Board meeting.
- A first cohort of thirty (30) students was projected for a March 2011 enrollment and the program proposed to admit two (2) cohorts of thirty (30) students each year in March and October.
- After receiving initial approval from the Board, Sanford-Brown College in Dallas (SBC-Dallas) did not receive program approval from the institutional accreditor, the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).
- Karen Givens, MSN, RN, SBC-Dallas ADN Program Director, communicated the delayed ACICS approval to Board Staff in October 2012. Board Staff timely conducted a telephone conference with Ms. Givens and Dr. Rebecca Jones, National Director of Nursing, to discuss concerns surrounding the delayed ACICS approval. The education consultants advised that updated clinical affiliation agreements and faculty contracts would need to be reviewed by Board Staff prior to the SBC-Dallas ADN Program enrolling students.
- On December 13, 2012, Ms. Givens communicated to Board Staff that ACICS approval was anticipated in Spring 2013, therefore the inaugural cohort would begin in July 2013.
- On March 4, 2013, Ms. Givens notified the Board that the SBC-Dallas ADN Program had received New Program Approval from ACICS on February 22, 2013.
- Board Staff conducted a telephone conference with Ms. Givens and David Bowman, SBC-Dallas Campus President, on March 4, 2013 to discuss the need to ensure currency of clinical affiliate and faculty contracts.
- On July 8, 2013, Board Staff were notified that the SBC-Dallas ADN Program had decided not to move forward to enroll students into the nursing program.

Requirements of Notification of Closure:

Rule 215.3(d) requires that a program planning closure will submit a written plan including information about the reasons for closing, the date of closure, academic provisions for students to complete the program, provisions for record storage, and strategies to maintain requirements and standards through the program's closure. SBC-Dallas elected to not begin enrolling students, effective July 8, 2013.

Staff Recommendation:

Since no students were enrolled in the Sanford-Brown College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, the program is not required to submit the following information set forth in Rule 215.3(d):

- academic provisions for students to complete the nursing education program;
- provisions made for access to and safe storage of vital school records, including transcripts of all graduates; and
- methods to be used to maintain requirements and standards until the program closes.

This report is for information purposes and no Board vote is required.

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RE: Notification Letter Not to Enroll Students into (PC: 27-473)

Dear Dr. Ayars:

This letter relates to the initial approval status of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing Program, program code 27-473, at Sanford-Brown College Dallas. The school has decided not to move forward to enroll students into the Nursing Program. I have enclosed the completed *Texas Board of Nursing Notification Form for Closing a Nursing Educational Program*.

At this time, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Texas Board of Nursing for their time and effort during our application process and the guidance provided to Sanford-Brown College Dallas that resulted in our successful application and approval. We look forward to the possibility of working with the Texas Board of Nursing again in the future.

Thank you again for all of your consideration in this matter and please feel free to contact me at 214-459-8523 or via email at kgiven@sbdallas.com or dbowman@sbdallas.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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