

**Consideration of the Voluntary Closure of a Nursing Education Program
Platt College in Dallas, Texas
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the notification received from Platt College in Dallas, Texas, to close its vocational nursing (VN) education program on May 24, 2014, as a part of the closure of all programs at the Dallas site.

Historical Perspective:

- Platt College – Dallas VN program has been in operation since 2006.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates since the program began are provided below:

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2013	Conditional	60.53%	23/38
2012	Conditional	46.51%	40/86
2011	Full with Warning	49.33% (Survey Visit)	37/75
2010	Full	76.54% (Self Study)	62/81
2009	Full	97.83%	45/46
2008	Full	40.00%	2/5
2007	Full	80.00%	12/15

- The program was placed on Conditional Approval Status at the April 18, 2013 Board meeting and several conditions and requirements were issued. The program has not been allowed to enroll new students since April 2013.
- In June 2013, the program provided the following documentation to Board Staff indicating its good faith efforts to comply with Board rules and meet requirements: clinical contracts with a full range of clinical settings; training in simulation for the nursing faculty; and faculty policies related to workload, faculty development, orientation, and evaluation.
- Due to multiple issues with the Dallas site, the program began discussions with Board Staff in 2013 about the process of closing the program. The decision to close the Dallas Platt site was announced to students in Fall 2013 and the program began the teach-out process. The home office decided to close all programs on the Dallas campus.
- Notification to the Board for closing the program was received in the Board office December 20, 2013 (See Attachment #1).
- The last twenty-three (23) enrolled vocational nursing students will complete the program on May 7, 2014.
- Platt College will retain all permanent educational files indefinitely at its Ann Arbor, Oklahoma campus.
- The program elected to close the vocational program. If this decision had not been made, Board Staff would have recommended withdrawal of approval to the Board at the April 2014 meeting based upon four (4) consecutive years of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates falling below 80%.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept the voluntary closure from Platt College in Dallas, Texas, effective May 24, 2014, and impose the conditions/requirements as set out in the attached Board Order (Attachment #2).

DRAFT COVER LETTER

April 21, 2014

Charlotte Stephenson, MSN, RN, Director
Vocational Nursing Education Program
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Dear Ms. Stephenson:

At the April 16, 2014 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the voluntary closure of Platt College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to accept the voluntary closure of the Platt College Vocational Nursing Program in Dallas, Texas, and impose the conditions set out in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Board Staff at (512) 305-6814 or Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

Copy: Texas Workforce Commission
Platt College Dallas, Campus President

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of:

Platt College
Vocational Nursing Education Program
In Dallas, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on April 16, 2014, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the voluntary closure of Platt College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, based upon the December 13, 2013 notification from Platt College of its intent to voluntarily close its program; the current approval status of the program; NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates since the program opened in 2006; and the program's history of compliance and/or non-compliance with 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 214.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials and history of the program, including currently being on conditional status, as well as the presentation by representatives from Platt College in Dallas, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby ACCEPTS the voluntary CLOSURE of the Platt College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, and imposes the following conditions/requirements:

1. The program shall submit to the Board no later than June 1, 2014, a plan for teach-out arrangements for all enrolled students, or evidence that all students either have completed the program or other academic provisions have been made; and
2. The program may not reapply for approval of a new proposal for a nursing education program until at least twelve (12) calendar months from the date of this order have elapsed.

Entered this 16th day of April, 2014

Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf of the
Texas Board of Nursing