

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
 From Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval
 Odessa College in Monahans, Texas
 Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the Odessa College Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Monahans, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

Historical Perspective:

- The Odessa College VN Education Program was established in 1997.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past five (5) years are provided in the following table:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2015	Full with Warning	92.86% (Status changed at April 2015 Board meeting)	13/14
2014	Full	51.61%	16/31
2013	Full	72% (Self-Study Report)	18/25
2012	Full	100%	17/17
2011	Full	82.35%	14/17

- The 2014 Self-Study Report identified major areas needing corrective actions and described corrective measures for each area of concern. The need for changes in grading, admission, progression, and student behavior policies was described. Further, the program identified the need to incentivize timely licensure testing and to train faculty in the utilization of the learning management system.
- In August 2015, the VN Program implemented a major curricular revision, based on the requirement from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that all Level I Certificate programs be below 42 semester credit hours. The program revised the curriculum to reduce the program from 46 semester credit hours to 41 semester credit hours.
- The curriculum change also increased the utilization of learning technology in didactic settings to create richer content engagement and learning scenarios.

- Nicole Hays, RN, Program Director, assumed the position in January 2015 and meets all requirements of Board Rule 214 to serve in the nursing leadership role.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of at least 80% on the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 214.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of the Odessa College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Monahans, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214 (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

April 21, 2016

Nicole Hays, RN, Director
Vocational Nursing Education Program
Odessa College
201 West University
Odessa, TX 79764

Dear Ms. Hays:

At the April 21-22, 2016 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status of the Odessa College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Monahans, Texas, based upon the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Odessa College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Monahans, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval.

If you have questions or if we may offer assistance, please contact Board Staff at virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-7660.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

copy: Marie Vasquez-Brooks, Dean

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Odessa College
Vocational Nursing Education Program
Monahans, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on April 21, 2016, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of Odessa College Vocational Nursing Education in Monahans, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214, based upon the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from Odessa College in Monahans, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Odessa College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Monahans, Texas, from FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 21st day of April, 2016

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director
On Behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing