

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status for Nursing Education Programs  
 From Initial Approval, Initial Approval with Warning, Full Approval with Warning,  
 And Conditional Approval to Full Approval**

**Historical Perspective:**

- In 2013, the passing standard for the NCLEX-RN® examination was increased due to the increasing complexity in nursing practice and nursing knowledge.
- The change in the pass rate affected thirty (30) programs resulting in a requirement for them to submit a Self-Study Report to Board Staff during the Spring 2014.
- Through the Self-Study analysis, programs identify areas that may have contributed to the drop in the pass rate and plan corrective measures to improve student performance.
- In 2014, thirteen (13) of the programs' examination pass rates were above the benchmark of 80%, but seventeen (17) programs' approval status was changed to Full with Warning or Initial with Warning for new programs.
- Among the seventeen (17) programs, twelve (12) programs achieved a pass rate above 80% and they are eligible for their approval status to be changed back to Full Approval.
- In addition, three (3) new programs on Initial Approval achieved a first time pass rate above 80% and they are eligible for their approval status to be changed to Full Approval.
- Additionally, one (1) vocational nursing education program that was on Conditional Approval has achieved well above 80% on the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate. Board Staff usually recommend the program's approval status be changed from Conditional Approval as early as possible in order for the program to admit new students. Kaplan College in San Antonio, Texas – Vocational Nursing Education Program 2015 pass rate stands at 89.47%.
- Due to the large number of programs eligible for a change in approval status to Full Approval, Board Staff have combined this recommendation into one Board Report.

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Initial Approval to Full Approval:**

| <b>Name of Program</b>                   | <b>Type of Program</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>Date Approved by Board</b> | <b>2015 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate</b> | <b>Number of First Time Candidates Passed/Total</b> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Clarendon College                        | ADN                    | Pampa           | April 2014                    | 93.75%                                      | 15/16   |
| Texas A&M University                     | BSN                    | Commerce        | October 2012                  | 80.00%                                      | 12/15   |
| University of Texas of the Permian Basin | BSN                    | Odessa          | April 2013                    | 91.67%                                      | 11/12   |

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Initial with Warning to Full Approval**

| <b>Name of Program</b>   | <b>Type of Program</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>2013 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total</b> | <b>2014 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total</b> | <b>2015 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total</b> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Mountain View College  | ADN                    | Dallas          | 75.00%<br>(18/24)  | 51.43%<br>(18/35)  | 95.00%<br>(19/20)  |
| Ranger College   | ADN                    | Early           | 75.00%<br>(15/20)  | 68.42%<br>(13/19)  | 100%<br>(12/12)  |
| Texas Tech University Health Science Center Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing | BSN                    | El Paso         | 65.63%<br>(42/64)  | 60.00%<br>(39/65)  | 84.78%<br>(39/46)  |

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Full with Warning to Full Approval**

| <b>Name of Program</b>           | <b>Type of Program</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>2013 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total</b> | <b>2014 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total</b> | <b>2015 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Amarillo College                 | ADN                    | Amarillo        | 79.02%<br>(162/205)  | 77.60%<br>(149/192)  | 94.78%<br>(109/115)  |
| Kilgore College                  | ADN                    | Kilgore         | 77.19%<br>(88/114)   | 67.52%<br>(79/117)   | 82.61% (76/92)   |
| Lone Star College – Kingwood     | ADN                    | Kingwood        | 75.00%<br>(93/124)   | 70.70%<br>(111/157)  | 85.32%<br>(93/109)   |
| Lone Star College – North Harris | ADN                    | Houston         | 73.21%<br>(82/112)   | 70.93%<br>(61.86)  | 80.00%<br>(80/100)   |
| Odessa College                   | ADN                    | Odessa          | 64.38%<br>(47/73)  | 53.95%<br>(41.76)  | 93.75% (30/32)   |
| San Antonio College              | ADN                    | San Antonio     | 68.68%<br>(250/364)  | 69.97%<br>(247/353)  | 81.39%<br>(258/317)  |
| Vernon College                   | ADN                    | Vernon          | 76.00%<br>(76/100)   | 70.79%<br>(63/89)  | 88.46% (69/78)   |
| East Texas Baptist University    | BSN                    | Marshall        | 75.00%<br>(9/12)   | 75.00%<br>(9/12)   | 100% (14/14)   |
| Midwestern State University      | BSN                    | Wichita Falls   | 75.50%<br>(114/151)  | 76.98%<br>(97/126)   | 82.58%<br>(109/132)  |

### Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Conditional to Full Approval

| Name of Program | Type of Program | Location    | 2013 NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total | 2014 NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total | 2015 NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate – First Time Candidates Passed/Total |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|---|---|---|
| Kaplan College  | VN              | San Antonio | 72.73%<br>(32/44)   | 67.65%<br>(46/68)   | 89.47%<br>(34/38)   |

**Staff Rationale for Recommendation:**

The twelve (12) programs that submitted Self-Study Reports in 2014 have implemented strategies for quality improvement that have been successful.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve the change in approval status to Full Approval based upon the 2015 NCLEX® examination pass rate and compliance with Rules 214 and 215 for nursing education programs as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1):

- Amarillo College ADN Program in Amarillo, Texas from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Clarendon College ADN Program in Pampa, Texas from Initial to Full Approval
- Kaplan College VN Program in San Antonio, Texas from Conditional to Full Approval
- Kilgore College ADN Program in Kilgore, Texas from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Lone Star College Kingwood ADN Program in Kingwood, Texas from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Lone Star College North Harris ADN Program in Houston, Texas from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Mountain View College ADN Program in Dallas, Texas from Initial with Warning to Full Approval
- Odessa College ADN Program in Odessa, Texas from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Ranger College ADN Program in Early, Texas from Initial with Warning to Full Approval
- San Antonio College ADN Program in San Antonio, Texas from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Vernon College ADN Program in Vernon, Texas from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- East Texas Baptist University BSN Program from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Midwestern State University BSN Program from Full with Warning to Full Approval
- Texas A&M University Commerce BSN Program in Commerce, Texas from Initial to Full Approval
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing BSN Program in El Paso, Texas from Initial with Warning to Full Approval
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin BSN Program in Odessa, Texas from Initial to Full Approval

SAMPLE BOARD LETTER AND BOARD ORDER

January 26, 2016

Program Director  
Nursing Education Program  
Address

Dear Program Director:

At the January 21-22, 2016 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the (name of program) Degree Nursing Education Program in (city), Texas based upon the NCLEX® examination pass rate for 2015 and compliance with Board rules.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the (name of program) Nursing Education Program in (city), Texas, from Initial Approval, Initial Approval with Warning, Full Approval with Warning, or Conditional Approval to Full Approval and impose the condition/requirement in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board Staff at (education consultant contact information).

Sincerely

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Executive Director

(appropriate copies)

**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**

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**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

In the Matter of  
(name of program)  
(type of) Nursing Education Program  
(city), Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 21, 2016, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the (name of program and degree type) Nursing Education Program in (city), Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupation Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214/215, based upon the NCLEX® examination pass rate for 2015 and compliance with Board rules.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by (program) in (city), Texas, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the (program) Nursing Education Program in (city), Texas, from INITIAL/INITIAL WITH WARNING/FULL WITH WARNING/CONDITIONAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016

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On Behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing