

**Consideration of Notification of Voluntary Closing of a Nursing Education Program
Everest College in Fort Worth, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the notification received from Everest College in Fort Worth, Texas, to close its associate degree nursing (ADN) education program, effective July 21, 2016.

Historical Perspective:

- Everest College, Fort Worth, Texas is one of a network of career schools and colleges originally owned and operated by Corinthian Colleges, Incorporated (CCI) and transferred to Zenith Education Group in February 2015.
- Everest College has been involved in vocational nursing (VN) education since 1997 and professional nursing education since 2007.
- Initial approval to establish a new two-year ADN program in Fort Worth was granted at the July 21, 2011 Texas Board of Nursing meeting.
- Everest College, Fort Worth is approved by both the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The college is also accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).
- Everest College had its first graduating class in 2015.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates since the program began are provided below:

NCLEX-RN® Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2015	Initial	65.00%	13/20
2014	Initial	No graduates	No graduates

- BON staff and Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) conducted a joint site visit on November 5, 2014. The visit was related to the relocation of the ADN nursing program from its original location at 5237 North Riverside Drive, Suite #100, Fort Worth, Texas 76137 to 4200 South Freeway, Suite #1940, Fort Worth, Texas 76115 due to the closing of the North Riverside Drive Campus.
- During the relocation, the program did not admit any new students.
- Due to the 2015 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 65.00%, the program was required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR).
- Notification to the Board for closing the program was received in the Board office March 16, 2016 (See Attachment #1). Everest College's rationale for closing was that "the time was not right to move forward with the program."
- Currently, there are no students in the ADN program.

- Everest College will retain all permanent educational files indefinitely at its Fort Worth, Texas campus.
- The program elected to close the associate degree nursing education program.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept the voluntary closure from the Everest College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Fort Worth, Texas, effective July 21, 2016, and impose the conditions/requirements in the attached Board Order (Attachment #2).

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March 15, 2016

Texas Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe St.
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Board Members:

The purpose of this notification is to request the Nursing Associate of Applied Science Program offered by Everest College-Fort Worth South be removed as accredited by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners.

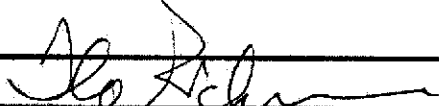
The College has made the determination to terminate the Nursing Associate of Applied Science Program at Everest College-Fort Worth South. Currently, the Nursing Associate of Applied Science Program at Everest College-Fort Worth South has no active students.

The College appreciates the assistance we have received from the Board of Nursing over the years.

Sincerely,

Natalie Williams
Campus President
Everest College-Fort Worth South
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76115

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING NOTIFICATION FORM
CLOSING A NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR AN EXTENSION SITE/CAMPUS**

NAME OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM	Program Code: 27- _____
TYPE OF PROGRAM	Associate Degree Nursing
NAME OF DEAN/DIRECTOR	Stephanie Atkins, RN MSN Phone No: _____ Email: _____
LOCATION OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION SITE/CAMPUS	Everest University Ft Worth S., Texas
REASON FOR CLOSURE	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: Decided the time was not best to move forward a program.
DATE OF CLOSURE	
ACADEMIC PROVISIONS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION PROGRAM	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: NO students
PROVISIONS FOR ACCESS TO AND SAFE STORAGE OF VITAL SCHOOL RECORDS	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: Academic Services Zenith Education Group 5 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 500 Santa Ana, CA 92707
METHODS TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS UNTIL THE PROGRAM CLOSURES	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: Program closed; No students
COMMENTS: 	
SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 5/31/16

*Please attach additional pages if needed.

Date Presented at Board Meeting: _____

Agenda Item: 3.2.5.
Attachment #2
Board Meeting: July 2016

July 21, 2016

Natalie Williams
Campus President
Everest College-Fort Worth South
4200 S Freeway, Suite 1940
Fort Worth, TX 76115

Dear Ms. Williams:

At the July 21, 2016 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the voluntary closure of the Everest College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Fort Worth, Texas.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to accept the voluntary closure of the Everest College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Fort Worth, Texas, and impose the conditions/requirements in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Board Staff at (512)621-5179 or gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Natalie Williams, Everest College President
Texas Workforce Commission
Council on Occupational Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Everest College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Fort Worth, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on July 21, 2016, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the voluntary closure of the Everest College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Fort Worth, Texas, based upon the March 16, 2016 notification from Everest College of its intent to voluntarily close its program; the current approval status of the program; NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates since the program opened in 2010; and the program's history of compliance with 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 215.

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

1. 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 21st day of July, 2016

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