

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
 From Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval
 Texarkana College in Texarkana, Texas
 Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the Texarkana College (TC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Texarkana, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The Texarkana ADN program has been in operation since 1962.
- Courtney Shoalmire, MSN, RN has served as the Dean of Health Sciences and the Director of the Nursing Program since February 2015.
- The ADN program was initially accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), in December 1966. The most recent evaluation visit was February 18-20, 2014. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for Spring 2022.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past five (5) years are included in the table below:

Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2016	Full with Warning	90.14%	(64/71)
2015	Full	76.39%	(55/72)
2014	Full Self-Study Required	63.27%	(62/98)
2013	Full	82.81%	(53/64)
2012	Full	93.42%	(71/76)
2011	Full	90.41%	(66/73)

- Due to the 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 63.27%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) in 2015 that would evaluate factors that may have contributed to the graduates' performance on the NCLEX-RN® examination and a description of the corrective measures to be implemented.
- A comprehensive, in-depth SSR was received in the Board office on May 26, 2015. The Program Director and faculty members identified factors in the SSR that may have

contributed to the decline in the pass rate and designed the following corrective measures:

- A need to utilize standardized examinations throughout the curriculum;
- A need for faculty development in teaching strategies and testing; and
- Identification of at-risk students and provision of remediation after every exam.
- In January 2016, the Board changed the approval status of the ADN program from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning, and issued a requirement for a survey visit.
- A survey visit was conducted on March 28-29, 2016 by Gayle P. Varnell, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC that focused on the program's identified areas for improvement.
- The April 2016 Board report of the survey visit acknowledged the program's efforts in implementing corrective measures identified in the SSR and encouraged the continuation of such efforts in the future.

Rationale for Recommendations:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of at least 80% on the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 215.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the Texarkana College Associate Science Degree Nursing Education Program in Texarkana, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215 as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 23, 2017

Courtney Shoalmire, MS, RN, Dean/Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
Texarkana College
2500 North Robison Rd.
Texarkana, TX 75599

Dear Ms. Shoalmire:

At the January 19-20, 2017 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status of the Texarkana College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Texarkana, Texas based upon the 2016 NCLEX-RN[®] examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of Texarkana College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Texarkana, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval.

If you have any questions or if we may offer assistance, please contact Board Staff at Gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov or 512 621-5179.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: James Henry Russell, CPA, President
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Texarkana College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Texarkana, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, herein after referred to as the Board, was held on January 19, 2017, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the Texarkana College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Texarkana, Texas pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by the Texarkana College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Texarkana, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Texarkana College at Texarkana Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Texarkana, Texas from FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 19th day of January, 2017

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