

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

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in the program approval status for the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Dallas, Texas from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning based upon the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, findings in the 2016 Self-Study Report, and areas for improvement to align with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- Joan Becker, MA, RN has served as the ADN Program Dean since August 2008 and meets all qualifications set forth by Board Rule 215.6 *Administration and Organization*.
- The NCLEX-RN® pass rates for the past six (6) years are provided in the table below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2016	Full	70.79%	223/315
2015	Full – Self-Study Report Required	75.66%	230/304
2014	Full	82.47%	254/308
2013	Full	81.21%	229/282
2012	Full	87.35%	297/340
2011	Full – Self-Study Report Required	77.45%	237/306

- Due to the 2015 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 75.66%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) in 2016 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.
- 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:
 - Increase admission standards to raise HESI A2 score from 70 to 80;
 - Provide further development to faculty to improve instruction techniques in teaching the Texas Concept-Based Curriculum including the strategy for “flipping the classroom”; and
 - Decrease or eliminate graded class activities thereby decreasing grade inflation.
- On December 7, 2016, the Education Consultants conducted a telephone conference with the Program Director concerning the change in the program’s approval status from Full

Approval to Full Approval with Warning at the January 19, 2017 Board meeting. The conference call provided an opportunity for Board Staff to discuss the process and implications of the warning status.

Staff Rationale for Recommendation:

Rule 215.4(c)(3)(A) states: “A warning may be issued to a program when the pass rate of first-time NCLEX-RN® candidates is less than 80% for two (2) consecutive examination years...”

The Education Guideline for writing a Self-Study Report requires that “The effects of the corrective measures should be evaluated as a part of the Total Program Evaluation Plan”.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning based upon the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, findings in the 2016 Self-Study Report, and areas for improvement to align with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 20, 2017

Joan Becker, MA, RN, Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
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Dear Ms. Becker:

At the January 19-20, 2017 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status for the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, based upon the NCLEX-RN[®] examination pass rate for 2016, findings in the 2016 Self-Study Report, and areas for improvement to align with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status for the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning and impose the conditions and requirements in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any 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: President, El Centro College
Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
El Centro College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Dallas, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 19, 2017, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas to consider the approval status for the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the NCLEX-RN[®] examination pass rate for 2016, findings in the 2016 Self-Study Report, and areas for improvement to align with Rule 215.

Representatives from the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas discussed the change in approval status during a conference call with Board Staff and were offered the opportunity to provide a written response for the Board's consideration. After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status for the El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas from FULL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING and imposes the following conditions and requirements:

1. In accordance with Rule 215.4(a)(3)(A), a program survey visit will be conducted by Board Staff during 2017.
2. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the corrective measures outlined in the 2016 Self-Study Report is to be submitted to Board Staff no later than June 1, 2017, per Education Guideline 3.2.1.a.

Entered this 19th day of January, 2017

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