

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
Texas Health School in Houston, Texas
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for Texas Health School Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon the 2017 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

Historical Perspective:

- The VN Program at Texas Health School has been in operation since 2016.
- Texas Health School was established in Houston in 2002 to provide specialized training programs to address the increasing demand for skilled healthcare professionals. In addition to the VN Program, the school offers Nurse Aide, Medical Assistant, Physical Therapy Aide, Medication Aide, and Massage Therapy.
- Texas Health School is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE), with the last COE accreditation team visit conducted on October 3-6, 2016. Accreditation was continued with the next reaffirmation accreditation visit in 2022.
- Texas Health School is approved by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Career Schools and Colleges.
- Diane E. Friend, RN, MS, CDO NA/LTC is the Program Director for the VN program.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for 2017 is included in the table below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2017	Initial	100%	10/10
2016	Initial	No graduates	

Rationale for Recommendations:

The program demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of 100%, has received commendations for this pass rate, and is in full compliance with Rule 214. The process to move a program on Initial Approval to Full Approval normally occurs when the first NCLEX-PN pass rate is above 80%.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of Texas Health School Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas from Initial Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

Draft Letter

April 19, 2018

Diane E. Friend, RN, MS, CDO NA/LTC, Director
Vocational Nursing Education Program
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Dear Ms. Friend:

At the April 19-20, 2018 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status for the Texas Health School Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas, based upon the 2017 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Texas Health School Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas from Initial Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order. Congratulations on this achievement.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at susan.lee@bon.texas.gov or 512-463-4631.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Jody Hawk, Texas Health School President
Commission of the Council on Occupational Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Texas Health School
Vocational Nursing Education Program
In Houston, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on April 19, 2018, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the Texas Health School Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214, based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2017 and compliance with Rule 214.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff for the Texas Health School Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Texas Health School Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 19th day of April, 2018

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