

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval
Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

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

Historical Perspective:

- Schreiner University, established in 1917 as Schreiner Institute, is a private liberal arts institution located in Kerrville, Texas. In 2001, the name of the university was changed to its current designation.
- Schreiner University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award masters, baccalaureate, and associate degrees.
- The university has operated a VN Program since 1973 and a baccalaureate degree nursing education program since 2011. The VN Program is the sole certificate level program offered by the university.
- Loretta Moreno, MSN, RN was approved to serve as Program Director in July 2012 and meets all requirements of Board Rule 214.6.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past five years are included in the table below:

Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2017	Full with Warning	93.33%	14/15
2016	Full	65.22%	15/23
2015	Full	73.68%	14/19
2014	Full	92.59%	25/27
2013	Full	87.10%	27/31

- Due to the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 73.68%, 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-PN® examination and a description of the corrective measures to be implemented.
- A comprehensive, in-depth SSR was received in the Board office in July 2016.
- The Program Director and faculty members identified multiple issues in the SSR that may have contributed to the NCLEX-PN® pass rate falling below 80% and described the following corrective measures:
 - enhanced recruitment efforts in order to have a more highly qualified applicant pool;
 - an elevated passing standard of 75% for all elements of each course;
 - an expanded use of computerized NCLEX-PN® style exam questions;
 - a higher passing standard on clinical evaluation tools;
 - a critical evaluation of the readmission policy; and
 - the use of the “flipping the classroom” method of instruction.
- Although corrective measures were timely implemented, the 2016 NCLEX-PN® pass rate was 65.22% and the approval status of the program was changed from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning at the April 2017 Board meeting.

Rationale for Recommendations:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of at least 80% on the 2017 NCLEX-PN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 214.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the Schreiner University Vocational Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

April 23, 2018

Loretta Moreno, MSN, RN, Director
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Dear Ms. Moreno:

At the April 19-20, 2018 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status of the Schreiner University Vocational Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, 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 Schreiner University Vocational Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, 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 Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-7660.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Dr. Kiley Miller, Interim Dean of the School of Sciences and Mathematics

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Schreiner University
Vocational Nursing Education Program
In Kerrville, 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 Schreiner University Vocational Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214, based upon the 2017 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Schreiner University Vocational Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas from FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING 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