

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
Howard College in San Angelo, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for the Howard College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in San Angelo, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2017 and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The Howard College ADN Program was approved at the July 2016 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of 48 students in August 2016.
- Marnita Jo Guinn, PhD, RN has served as Program Director since the program began.
- The college is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
- The 60 semester credit hour ADN Program offers two options for degree completion: a generic track and an accelerated LVN to RN track.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 83.33% (15/18) and is eligible for full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the Howard College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Angelo, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2017 and compliance with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 22, 2018

Marnita Jo Guinn, PhD, RN, Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
Howard College
3501 North U.S. Highway 67
San Angelo, Texas 76905

Dear Dr. Guinn:

At the January 18-19, 2018 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the Howard College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Angelo, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2017 and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status for the Howard College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Angelo, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement. The program will be issued a certificate of approval following the April 2018 Board meeting.

If you have any questions or if we may be of 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. Cheryl T. Sparks, President, Howard College
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Howard College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In San Angelo, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 18, 2018, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status for the Howard College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Angelo, 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 2017 and compliance with Rule 215.

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

Entered this 18th day of January, 2018

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