

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
South University in Round Rock, Texas
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for the South University (SU) Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Round Rock, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2017 and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The South University BSN Program was approved at the July 2014 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of 12 students in April 2015.
- Kathleen H. Schneider, PhD, RN was approved as Program Director in June 2017.
- The university is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
- The SU BSN program is built on the quarter hour format. Program requirements include sixty-eight (68) quarter credit hours of general education courses and ninety (90) quarter credit hours of nursing courses.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 81.82% (9/11) and is eligible for full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the South University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Round Rock, 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

Kathleen H. Schneider, PhD, RN, Program Director
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
South University
1220 W. Louis Henna Blvd.
Round Rock, TX 78681

Dear Dr. Schneider:

At the January 18-19, 2018 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the South University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Round Rock, 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 South University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Round Rock, 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 Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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

copy: David McGuire, Vice Chancellor
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
South University
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Round Rock, 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 South University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Round Rock, 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 South University in Round Rock, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the South University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Round Rock, 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