

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Conditional to Full Approval
Chamberlain College of Nursing in Houston, Texas
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the Chamberlain College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Houston, Texas from Conditional to Full Approval based upon the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The Chamberlain College of Nursing BSN Program was approved at the January 2011 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of students in February 2011.
- Chamberlain is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through December 31, 2024.
- Tamara L. Williams, EdD, MSN, RN was approved in September 2017 to serve as Program Director and meets all requirements of Board Rule 215.6.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past five years are included in the table below:

Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2017	Conditional	80.30%	106/132
2016	Full with Warning	78.40%	98/125
2015	Full	66.99%	69/103
2014	Full	78.26%	54/69
2013	Initial	87.50%	14/16

- Due to the 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 78.26%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) in 2015 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 four (4) issues in the SSR that may have contributed to the NCLEX-RN® pass rate falling below 80%:
 - Dependence on a vendor exit exam to identify student readiness for success on the NCLEX-RN®;
 - Insufficient full-time faculty to meet the needs of Chamberlain's Houston students;
 - Insufficient space for the Center for Academic Success; and
 - Insufficient student support staff for the Center for Academic Success.
- Although corrective measures were timely implemented, the 2015 NCLEX-RN® pass rate was 66.99% and the approval status of the program was changed from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning at the January 2016 Board meeting.
- Board Contract Program Evaluator Beverly Skloss, MSN, RN conducted a site visit on May 24, 2016, as mandated in the January 25, 2016 Board Order.
- Despite the program continuing to initiate actions to improve the NCLEX-RN® pass rates, the 2016 NCLEX-RN® pass rate was 78.40% and the approval status of the program was changed from Full Approval with Warning to Conditional at the January 2017 Board meeting.
- Three Chamberlain students who completed the program on August 25, 2017 were delayed in taking the NCLEX-RN® examination due to the events surrounding Hurricane Harvey until early October and will be included in the 2017 pass rate for the program. The decision was based upon evidence provided by Chamberlain and validation that several NCLEX testing sites were closed following the hurricane.
- Board staff engaged the Board Education Liaison Committee in the deliberation and they approved including the three students in the 2017 pass rate (Attachment #1).
- Typically, a change in a professional nursing education program's approval status from Conditional Approval to Full Approval is considered at the October quarterly Board meeting to allow the program to timely begin admitting new students. However, a decision to include the three students could not be made early enough for presentation to the Board at the October 2017 meeting.

Rationale for Recommendations:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of at least 80% on the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 215.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the Chamberlain College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2017 and compliance with Rule 215 and impose the conditions/requirements indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (Attachment #2).



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November 20, 2017

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Executive Director

Tamara Williams, EdD, MSN, RN
Campus President
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Dear Dr. Williams:

This letter notifies the Chamberlain College of Nursing-Houston Baccalaureate Degree (BSN) Nursing Education Program that three Chamberlain students who completed the program on August 25, 2017 but were delayed in taking the NCLEX-RN® examination due to the events surrounding Hurricane Harvey until early October will be included in the 2017 pass rate for the program. The decision was based upon evidence provided by Chamberlain and validation that several NCLEX testing sites were closed following the hurricane. Board Staff also engaged the Board Education Liaison Committee in the deliberation and they approved including the three students in the 2017 pass rate.

We understand that Chamberlain-Houston closed on August 25, 2017 and did not reopen until September 11, 2017, delaying the processing of completing documents and allowing students to schedule the NCLEX-RN® examination at a time when several testing sites in the Houston area were closed.

The final 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for the Chamberlain-Houston BSN Program will be reported as 80.30% and Board Staff will recommend a change in approval status from Conditional Approval at the January Board meeting with possible monitoring requirements. Since a decision to include the three students could not be made early enough for presentation to the Board at the October 2017 meeting, it is appropriate for Chamberlain to admit new students at this time.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine A. Thomas".

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

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DRAFT LETTER

January 22, 2018

Tamara L. Williams, EdD, MSN, RN
Campus President
Houston Chamberlain College of Nursing
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Dear Dr. Williams:

At the January 18-19, 2018 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the approval status for the Chamberlain College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, based upon the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance 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 Chamberlain College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Conditional to Full Approval and to issue the conditions/requirements in the attached Board Order.

A requirement is a mandatory criterion based upon program assessment directly related to the rules that must be addressed in the manner prescribed.

If you have 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: Susan Groenwald, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, President, Chamberlain College of Nursing
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Chamberlain College of Nursing
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Houston, 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 Chamberlain College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from Chamberlain College of Nursing in Houston, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status for the Chamberlain College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas from **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL** to **FULL APPROVAL** and imposes the following conditions/requirements:

1. The program shall submit for Board Staff approval a list of the number of all enrolled students. The total enrollment number shall be submitted to Board Staff no later than ten (10) days following the date of the end of each course.
2. The program shall submit for Board Staff approval a list of each nursing course outcome (pass or fail) for all enrolled students. The de-identified student outcome list shall be submitted to Board Staff no later than ten (10) days following the date of the end of each course.
3. The program shall submit for Board Staff approval a comprehensive Remediation Plan to timely assist unsuccessful students.

Entered this 18th day of January, 2018

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