

**Report of Approval of a New Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program  
in a Public Junior College  
Grayson College in Denison, Texas**

**Background:**

- Senate Bill 2118 passed by the 85(R) Texas Legislative Session allowed the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to authorize certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs, including nursing. Public junior colleges that meet the requirements in SB 2118 shall seek approval from THECB and from the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) [Sec. 130.305(b)(2)].
- Staff from the BON and THECB have developed a collaborative process to handle applications from community colleges interested in establishing a baccalaureate degree program.
- The first application/proposal received by both agencies was submitted from Austin Community College in Austin, Texas, was approved, and has begun operation.

**Proposal from Grayson College in Denison, Texas:**

- A proposal to establish a baccalaureate degree program at Grayson College in Denison, Texas was received in the Board office on July 12, 2018. It was reviewed by Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC, and Janice Hooper, PhD, RN, FRE, CNE, FAAN, ANEF, and found to be in compliance with Rule 215 with one exception: The proposed Director will complete her doctorate in December 2018.
- Board Staff recommended approval pending completion of the proposed Director's doctorate.
- THECB has approved the application with this same stipulation.

This report is for information only. No action is required.