

**Consideration of Notification of Voluntary Closure of a Nursing Education Program
Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing in Huntsville, Texas
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the notification received from Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing (VN) in Huntsville, Texas, to voluntarily close the Vocational Nursing Education Program, effective January 24, 2019.

Historical Perspective:

- The VN Program at Joe G. Davis has been in operation since 1966.
- The governing entity for the Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing is Huntsville Memorial Hospital in Huntsville, Texas.
- Debra Kuzniarek, MSN, RN, CNOR has been the Program Director for the VN program since December 2015.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past five years are included in the table below:

| NCLEX Examination Year | BON Approval Status | NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate | Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total) |
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| 2017 | Full | 100% | 12/12 |
| 2016 | Full with Warning | 75.00% | 12/16 |
| 2015 | Full | 78.13% | 25/32 |
| 2014 | Full | 80.00% | 16/20 |
| 2013 | Full | 86.84% | 33/38 |

- Due to the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 78.13%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) that evaluated factors which may have contributed to the graduates' performance on the NCLEX-PN® examination and offering descriptions of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The 2016 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 75.00% and the approval status of the program was changed from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning at the January 2017 Board meeting.
- The faculty identified factors in the SSR that may have contributed to the decline in the pass rate and implemented corrective measures that led to successful outcomes for 2017.
- The program demonstrated a 2017 pass rate for first-time candidates of 100% and was in full compliance with Rule 214. The approval status was changed to Full Approval at the January 2018 Board meeting.
- On June 29, 2018, notification was received from Huntsville Memorial Hospital of the decision to close the program after graduation on January 10, 2019 due to inadequate

funding to meet operating obligations and allow for growth within the nursing school (See Attachment #1).

- Rule 214.3(d) places certain responsibilities on nursing programs when they close. The program will have met all requirements since the last students will graduate prior to closure and there is assurance that student records will be stored in the Human Resources Department at Huntsville Memorial Hospital in Huntsville, Texas.
- Over the years, the program has served the community by providing nurses who are employed in the Huntsville community.

Rationale for Recommendations:

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept the voluntary closure of the Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing (VN) in Huntsville, Texas, effective January 24, 2019 and impose the condition/requirement in the attached Board Order (See Attachment #2).

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
3.1.5.a. EDUCATION GUIDELINE
Closing a Nursing Education Program or an Extension Site/Campus

Revised: 01/02/2013

Rule 214.3 sets forth the requirements for closure of a vocational nursing education program and closure of an extension site/campus. Rule 215.3 sets forth the requirements for closure of a pre-licensure professional nursing education program and closure of a pre-licensure professional nursing education extension site/campus.

Closing a Nursing Education Program or an Extension Site/Campus of a Nursing Education Program:

Notification of closure of a nursing education program or an extension site/campus of a nursing education program should be submitted four (4) months prior to closure of the program.

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| Rule 214.3(b)(6) related to <u>Program Development, Expansion and Closure</u> requires that "A program intending to close an extension site/campus shall (A) Notify the Board office at least four (4) months prior to closure of the extension site/campus." | Rule 215.3(b)(5) related to <u>Program Development, Expansion and Closure</u> requires that "A program intending to close an extension site/campus shall (A) Notify the Board at least four (4) months prior to closure of the extension site/campus." |
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The *Texas Board of Nursing Notification Form for Closing a Nursing Education Program or an Extension Site/Campus* is provided for this purpose. This notification form is intended to document that the program insures academic provisions for current students to complete a program and provisions for access to and safe storage of vital school records. The form requests information including:

1. reason for closing the program;
2. date of intended closure;
3. academic provision for students;
4. provisions made for access to and safe storage of vital school records, including transcripts of all graduates; and
5. methods to be used to maintain requirements and standards until the program closes.

The plan shall include assurances that accommodations will be made for students to complete the program or to transfer into other approved programs.

The plan to close a nursing education program or an extension site/campus will be presented to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. Submission of the plan to close should be made in sufficient time to allow the Board staff to consider that all necessary provisions have been made prior to closure for students and for maintenance of records.

Important: Please be aware that references in Rule 214 and Rule 215 are not all inclusive.

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING NOTIFICATION FORM
CLOSING A NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR AN EXTENSION SITE/CAMPUS**

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| NAME OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM | Program Code: 27- 207 |
| TYPE OF PROGRAM | Vocational Nursing School |
| NAME OF DEAN/DIRECTOR | Phone No: 936-291-4545 Email: Debbie.kuzniarek@huntsvillememorial.com Debbie Kuzniarek |
| LOCATION OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION SITE/CAMPUS | 521 I-45 South, Suite 8 Huntsville, Tx. 77340 |
| REASON FOR CLOSURE | BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: After assessment, the closing is due to inadequate funding to meet operating obligations or to allow for growth within the nursing school. |
| DATE OF CLOSURE | January 2019 |
| ACADEMIC PROVISIONS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION PROGRAM | BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: The current students will graduate January 10 th , 2019. The school will close after the graduation of all students. |
| PROVISIONS FOR ACCESS TO AND SAFE STORAGE OF VITAL SCHOOL RECORDS | BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: The school records will be stored in the Human Resources Department at Huntsville Memorial Hospital. |
| METHODS TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS UNTIL THE PROGRAM CLOSES | BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: All classes will be finished at the time of school closing. |
| COMMENTS: | |
| SIGNATURE: <i>Debbie Kuzniarek MSN, RN, CNOR</i> | DATE: <i>6-29-2018</i> |

*Please attach additional pages, if needed.

Date Presented at Board Meeting: _____

Draft Letter

January 24, 2019

Debra Kuzniarek, MSN, RN, CNOR, Director
Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing
PO Box 4001
Huntsville, Texas 77342-4001

Dear Ms. Kuzniarek:

At the January 24-25, 2019 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the voluntary closure of the Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing in Huntsville, Texas.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to accept the voluntary closure of the Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing in Huntsville, Texas, and impose the condition/requirement in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at beverly.skloss@bon.texas.gov or 512-318-3219.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Sheila Hogue-Ard, CNO, Huntsville Memorial Hospital

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing
In Huntsville, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 24-25, 2019, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the voluntary closure of the Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing in Huntsville, Texas, based upon the June 29, 2018, notification from Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing of its intent to voluntarily close.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by the Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing in Huntsville, Texas, the Board hereby ACCEPTS the voluntary CLOSURE of the Joe G. Davis School of Vocational Nursing in Huntsville, Texas, and imposes the following condition/requirement:

1. The program may not reapply for approval of a new proposal for a nursing education program until at least 12 calendar months from the date of this order have elapsed.

Entered this 24th day of January, 2019

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