

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status  
From Initial Approval to Full Approval  
Lamar State College in Port Arthur, Texas  
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for the Lamar State College (LSC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Port Arthur, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2018 and compliance with Rule 215.

**Historical Perspective:**

- The Lamar State College ADN Program was approved at the October 2015 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of 30 students in January 2016.
- Shirley MacNeill, MSN, RN, CNE is the Allied Health Department Chair and has been the Board approved Program Director since the program began.
- The college is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
- The ADN Education program is a 12 month, face-to-face program, designed as a LVN-to-ADN accelerated track.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past two years are included in the table below:

<b>Examination Year</b>	<b>BON Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)</b>
2018	Pending	94.12%	32/34
2017	Full with Warning	77.77%	21/27
2016	New Program		

- Due to the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 77.77%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) to 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 SSR corrective measures were implemented and the pass rate improved.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The program had a graduating cohort with a 2018 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 94.12% (32/34) and is eligible for full approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status for the Lamar State College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Port Arthur, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2018 and compliance with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER**

January 24, 2019

Shirley MacNeill, MSN, RN, CNE,  
Allied Health Department Chair  
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program  
Lamar State College  
1500 Procter Street  
Port Arthur, Texas 77640

Dear Ms. MacNeill:

At the January 24-25, 2019 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the Lamar State College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Port Arthur, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2018 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 Lamar State College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Port Arthur, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement.

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

Sincerely,

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

copy: Dr. Betty J. Reynard, President, Lamar State College-Port Arthur  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**

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**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

In the Matter of  
Lamar State College  
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program  
In Port Arthur, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 24, 2019, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status for the Lamar State College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Port Arthur, 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 2018 and compliance with Rule 215.

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

Entered this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019

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