

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

Summary of Request:

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

Historical Perspective:

- The Texas State Technical College ADN Program was approved at the July 2017 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of 30 students in Fall 2017.
- Shirley Byrd, MSN, RN, 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 licensed vocational nursing-to-associate degree nursing (LVN-to-ADN) mobility program.
- The ADN Education program is a 12 month, face-to-face program with enhanced online resources.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2018 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 86.21% (25/29) and is eligible for full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the Texas State Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Harlingen, 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 Byrd, MSN, RN, Program Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
Texas State Technical College
1902 N. Loop 499
Harlingen, Texas 78550

Dear Ms. Byrd:

At the January 24-25, 2019 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the Texas State Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Harlingen, 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 Texas State Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Harlingen, 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 or 512-318-3219.

Sincerely,

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

copy: Michael L. Reeser, Chancellor and CEO
Jean Lashbrook, RN, Associate Provost
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Texas State Technical College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Harlingen, 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 Texas State Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Harlingen, 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 Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Texas State Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Harlingen, Texas from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 24th day of January, 2019

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