

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
National American University in Austin, Texas
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for the National American University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Austin, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2018 and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The National American University BSN Program was approved at the July 2014 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of 12 students in March 2016.
- Rhonda Winegar, DNP, PhD(c), RN, FNP-BC, CCRN, CPN, an accomplished nurse educator, serves as the National American University BSN Program Director.
- The university is regionally accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Higher Learning Commission. The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through June 30, 2019.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2018 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 83.33% (5/6) and is eligible for full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the National American University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Austin, 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 28, 2019

Rhonda Winegar, DNP, PhD(c), RN, FNP-BC, CCRN, CPN
Chair, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
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Dear Dr. Winegar:

At the January 24-25, 2019 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the National American University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Austin, 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 National American University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Austin, 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 Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-7660.

Sincerely,

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

copy: Lisa Hawthorne, PhD, RN, PHN, CNE, Dean of Nursing, National American University
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
National American University
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Austin, 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 National American University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Austin, 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 the National American University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Austin, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the National American University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Austin, 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