

**Notification of Closure of a Nursing Education Program
Carrington College in Mesquite, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the notification received from Carrington College (CC) in Mesquite, Texas, to voluntarily close its Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program, effective October, 2019.

Historical Perspective:

- Carrington Career College (CC) in Mesquite received Initial Approval from the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) to establish an ADN Education Program at the April 2015 Board meeting.
- CC currently has ADN programs in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and Texas.
- CC is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education.
- In December 2018, CC had a change in ownership from Adtalem Global Education to San Joaquin Valley College, Inc. The change in ownership was approved by ACCJC/WASC and the US Department of Education.
- The current Director/Dean of Nursing, Sherry Akins, MSN, RN, has been in this role since May 6, 2019 when she replaced Patricia Perryman, DNP, RN, CE who had been in the position since July 31, 2017.
- The NCLEX-RN® pass rates for the past three years are provided in the table below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2019	Initial with Warning Preliminary	70.59	12/17
2018	Initial with Warning	50.00%	20/40
2017	Initial	41.67%	5/12

Due to the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 41.67%, the program director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) in 2018 that would evaluate factors that may have contributed to the graduates' performance on the NCLEX-RN® examination and to provide a description of the corrective measures to be implemented.

- Despite efforts to correct areas for improvement, the pass rate for 2018 was 50.00% and the program's approval status was changed to Initial Approval with Warning at the January 2019 Board meeting.
- Notification to the Board for closing the program was received in the Board office September, 23, 2019 (See Attachment #1).
- Currently 57 students are enrolled in the program.

Cohort	Number of Students	Graduation Date
1 Semester	3	April 2021
2 Semester	26	December 2020
3 Semester	20	August 2020
4 Semester	3	April 2020
5 Semester	5	December 2020

- A teach out plan is in process. CC will continue to support current students through the completion of their program and anticipate all operations to be complete by April 2021.
- In the event that a student is required to a retake of a course, the progression policy for active students will be followed.
- Policies, standards, and leadership will continue to support program rigor along with high-quality nursing education during the teach out.
- The lab remains intact and clinical affiliations remain active.
- There are adequate faculty to maintain faculty to student ratios.
- Academic provisions for students to complete the ADN program and teach-out arrangements have also been provided to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and to The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- During the teach out, all student records will continue to be retrieved by students in the same manner as before. Vital records are kept electronically. Upon closure of the program, student records including transcripts will be available by contacting the registrar by email or phone.
- The program elected to voluntarily close the ADN education program.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept the voluntary closure of the Carrington College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mesquite, Texas, effective October 25, 2019 and impose the conditions/requirements in the attached Board Order (Attachment #2).



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September 23, 2019

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Nursing Consultant for Education
Texas Board of Nursing
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Austin, TX 78701-3942

RE: Program Code: 27:410100 –Closure

Dear Dr. Varnell,

This correspondence serves as official notification to voluntarily teach-out the Nursing education program at Carrington College in Mesquite, Texas effective April 2021. Please find enclosed the teach-out plan that outlines the Texas Board of Nursing requirements for program closure.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact me by phone at 972-682-2818 or by email at sakins@carrington.edu.

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

NAME OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM	Program Code: 27- <u>410100</u>
TYPE OF PROGRAM	Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NAME OF DEAN/DIRECTOR	Phone No: 972-682-2800 Email: sakins@carrington.edu
LOCATION OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION SITE/CAMPUS	3733 W. Emporium Circle Mesquite, Texas 75150
REASON FOR CLOSURE	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: Ineffective financial plan. Student pass rate for last 3 years listed below as: (See attached document) 2019-72.22% 2018-50% 2017-42%
DATE OF CLOSURE	Last graduation April 2021; provide one more semester for remaining students 8/21.
ACADEMIC PROVISIONS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION PROGRAM	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: The campus has been in communication with faculty and students related to this substantive change. Anticipated challenges have been addressed and will continue to be addressed to facilitate a seamless closure while supporting student educational needs. A plan to teach out Carrington College at Mesquite, Texas is in place. Carrington College will continue to support current students through the completion of their program and anticipate all operations to be complete by April 2021. In the event that a student requires a retake of a course the progression policy will be followed for
PROVISIONS FOR ACCESS TO AND SAFE STORAGE OF VITAL SCHOOL RECORDS	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: As the campus remains open, all student records will continue to be retrieved by students in the same manner as before. Vital records are kept electronically by authorized key campus staff and corporate officials. Upon closure of the program student records including transcripts should be requested by contacting the registrar by email or phone. Beth Barilla, National Manager Registration Operations 2149 West Dunlap
METHODS TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS UNTIL THE PROGRAM CLOSURES	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE: Sherry Akins, MSN/RN will continue to lead the program and retain responsibility for meeting Texas Nursing Board standards, rules, and regulations at Carrington College in Mesquite, Texas. The program will continue to utilize Kaplan and HESI resources to help with NCLEX readiness. The Dean of Nursing will continue to
COMMENTS:	

SIGNATURE: *Sherry Akins, MSN, RN* **DATE:** *9/23/2019*

*Please attach additional pages if needed. Date Presented at Board Meeting: _____

October 24, 2019

Sherry Akins, MSN, RN, Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
Carrington College
3733 W. Emporium Circle
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Dear Ms. Akins:

At the October 24, 2019 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the voluntary closure of the Carrington College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mesquite, Texas.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to accept the voluntary closure of the Carrington College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mesquite, Texas, and impose the conditions/requirements in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Board Staff at (512) 621-5179 or Gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Texas Workforce Commission
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of
Schools and Colleges

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of:

Carrington College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Mesquite, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on October 24-25, 2019, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the voluntary closure of the Carrington College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mesquite, Texas, based upon the September 23, 2019 notification from Carrington College of its intent to voluntarily close its Associate Degree Nursing Program; the current approval status of the program; NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates since the program opened in 2015; and the program's history of compliance with 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 215.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials and history of the program, including currently being on conditional status, as well as the presentation by representatives from Carrington College in Mesquite, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby ACCEPTS the voluntary CLOSURE of the Carrington College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mesquite, Texas, and imposes the following conditions/requirements:

1. The program shall submit to the Board no later than December 1, 2019, a plan for teach-out arrangements for all enrolled students, or evidence that all students either have completed the program or other academic provisions have been made; and
2. The program may not reapply for approval of a new proposal for a nursing education program until at least twelve (12) calendar months from the date of this order have elapsed.

Entered this 25th day of October, 2019

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