

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status  
From Conditional Approval to Initial Approval  
St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas  
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider the proposed change in approval status for St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Initial Approval based upon review of the preliminary 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Board Rule 215.

**Historical Perspective:**

- The ADN Program at St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas was approved by the Board at the July 2016 meeting. St. Philip's College requested to start this program several years after a previous ADN program closed in 2010.
- Valerie Moke, MSN, RN, CCM was appointed Program Director in January 2019 following the unfortunate death of the founding director of the new program.
- The NCLEX-RN® pass rates for the past three years and preliminary report for 2020 are provided in the table below. (Results are considered preliminary until all pass rates for professional nursing education programs are officially processed. The examination year of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 has ended and no additional names are expected to be added to the pass rate.)

<b>NCLEX Examination Year</b>	<b>BON Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)</b>
2020	Conditional – recommend Approval Change	Preliminary 80.00%	4/5
2019	Conditional	75.76%	25/33
2018	Initial with Warning	73.08%	19/26
2017	Initial	62.50%	5/8

- Due to the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 62.50%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) in 2018 that evaluated 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 program was placed on Initial Approval with Warning in 2019 and on Conditional Approval in 2020. A survey visit was conducted in April 2019 by Kristin Benton and Janice Hooper.
- When programs are on Conditional Approval, they are prohibited from enrolling new students.
- St. Philip's has made significant changes in the program curriculum and teaching strategies under Ms. Moke's leadership. The program has hired additional nursing faculty based upon a Board requirement, and the students in the cohort who tested for 2020 achieved an 80% pass rate.

**Rationale for Staff Recommendation:**

The program has demonstrated a preliminary pass rate for first-time candidates of 80.00% on the 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination and is in full compliance with Rule 215. No additional students are expected to take the NCLEX® examination for the 2020 pass rate. Board Staff usually recommend removing a Conditional Approval in October before the regular January pass rate report since the restriction on admissions is so devastating to a program. Board Staff recommend removal of a Conditional status at this time. This action removes the severe penalty of not being able to admit new students to the program. However, since the program has not been on Full Approval before and the number of test-takers was small, the recommendation is to change the approval status from Conditional Approval to Initial Approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status for the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Initial Approval based upon review of the preliminary 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (Attachment #1).

October 22, 2020

Valerie Moke, MSN, RN, CCM  
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program  
St. Philip's College  
8010 Martin Luther King Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78203

Dear Ms. Moke:

At the October 22, 2020 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status of St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, based upon review of the preliminary 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Initial Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations on this achievement and the opportunity to move forward.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at [Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov](mailto:Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov) or 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

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

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**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**

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**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

In the Matter of  
St. Philip's College  
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program  
In San Antonio, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on October 22, 2020, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon review of the preliminary 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the files materials, as well as any response from representatives from the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from CONDITIONAL APPROVAL to INITIAL APPROVAL.

Entered this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2020

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