

Report of the Status of Board-Approved APRN Programs

Background:

- Board Rule 219.1(a) relating to General Requirements sets forth that advanced practice nursing education programs in the State of Texas shall be approved by the Board until the program is accredited or approved by a national advanced practice nursing education accrediting body recognized by the Board.

Historical Perspective:

- Historically there have been six master's degree nurse practitioner programs who have submitted proposals and been approved by the Board of Nursing since 2013. All of the programs are now nationally accredited. Historical details for each program are outlined below:
- Texas State University Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program was approved at the April 18, 2013 Board Meeting.
 - It was accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on 10/8/2014.
 - There have been 276 FNP students admitted since 2013.
 - There have been 168 graduates.
 - Currently there are 37 full-time and 17 part-time FNP students.
 - There are 6 full-time and 9 part-time FNP faculty.
 - A Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Track was added in January 2019.
 - Currently there are 7 full-time and 39 part-time PMHNP students.
 - 12 PMHNP students are scheduled to graduate in December 2020.
 - There are 6 full-time and 4 part-time PMHNP faculty.
- Texas A&M University – Bryan was approved at the October 23, 2014 Board Meeting.
 - MSN program received CCNE approval in 2013 and the FNP program was approved 2/4/2015.
 - The program admitted its first class in January 2015.
 - There have been 69 graduates, and 92% of the graduates remained in Texas.
 - Currently there are 56 students in the program.
 - There are 8 full-time and 3 part-time FNP faculty.
- Texas A&M University – Commerce was approved at the October 27, 2016 Board Meeting.
 - It was accredited by CCNE on 4/10/2019.

- There have been 30 students admitted since 2017.
 - There have been 5 students in the first graduating class May 2020 and all have passed the certification exam.
 - Currently there are 19 students enrolled in the program.
 - There are 6 FNP faculty.
 - There are plans to develop a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track in the future.
- Stephen F. Austin State University FNP Program was approved at the April 21, 2017 Board Meeting.
 - Accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) was received on April 13, 2018.
 - There have been 72 FNP students admitted to the program since 2017, but 3 changed to the MSN-education track.
 - The first class graduated in May 2020 and all passed the certification exam.
 - Currently there are 42 students enrolled in the FNP program.
 - There are 8 full-time FNP faculty and 2-6 part-time FNP faculty.
- Houston Baptist FNP & Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care (PNP-PC) Programs were approved at the July 24, 2017 Board Meeting.
 - It was accredited by CCNE on January 28, 2019.
 - The program initially admitted 12 students to the FNP program and none to the PNP program in Fall 2017.
 - There have been 275 students enrolled in the FNP program.
 - Fifty-seven students have graduated from the FNP program.
 - Currently there are 146 students enrolled in the FNP program.
 - There have been 52 students enrolled in the PNP program.
 - 6 students have graduated from the PNP program.
 - Currently there are 33 students enrolled in the PNP program.
 - There are 2 full-time and 14 part-time faculty for the programs.
 - There are plans to add a post-MSN NP Track.

This report is for information only. No action is required.