

**Updates Related to Co-Regulation
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Texas Workforce Commission
Texas Education Agency
Texas Board of Nursing**

Historical Perspective:

Collaboration between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and the Board of Nursing (BON) serves to eliminate duplication in approval processes and facilitates excellence in the regulation of nursing education. Board staff rely on the THECB and TWC purview to assure that the governing entity is authorized to operate in Texas and to issue the certificate or diploma, or confer the degree. During the last quarter, communications with the other agencies have related to:

- Collaborating on the approval for Trinity Valley Community College to establish an RN-to-BSN program;
- Engaging in discussion about program issues and conducting a joint virtual survey visit to CyberTex Institute of Technology (See Agenda Item 3.2.10);
- Developing a comparison between the approval processes based upon the BON-identified essential items for the initial approval of a new program; and
- Discussing with a TEA representative six programs of study in a health science career cluster that are in development for students in public schools to stimulate an interest in health disciplines

A virtual meeting between the agencies is planned for November 2020.