

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
The College of Health Care Professions in Houston, Texas
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for The College of Health Care Professions (CHCP) Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 214.

Historical Perspective:

- CHCP, a privately owned educational institution, is licensed as a career school and approved to offer educational programs by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- The CHCP is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) to award associate degrees and certificates.
- The CHCP VN Program in Houston was approved at the October 2018 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of students in July 2019.
- Fred Gary Heath, MSN, RN, was approved by the Board on November 2, 2020, as the Interim Program Director and approved as the Director of Nursing on February 8, 2021. Mr. Heath served as a faculty member at CHCP since February 2018 and has eight years of nursing education experience.

Rationale for Recommendations

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 88.89% (8/9) and is eligible for full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 214, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

April 22, 2021

Fred Gary Heath, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing
Vocational Nursing Education Program
The College of Health Care Professions
240 Northwest Mall Blvd.
Houston, TX 77092

Dear Mr. Heath:

At the April 22, 2021 virtual meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the approval status for The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2020 findings compliance with Rule 214.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status for The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement. The program will be issued a certificate of approval following the April 2021 Board meeting.

If you have any questions or if we may offer assistance, please contact Board Staff at Beverly.Skloss@bon.texas.gov or 512-318-3219.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Mr. Lee Jones, Campus President
Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.
Texas Workforce Commission

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
The College of Health Care Professions
Vocational Nursing Education Program
Houston, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held virtually on April 22, 2021, to consider the approval status for The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214, based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 214.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 22nd day of April, 2021

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