

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
 From Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval
 Bell Tech Career Institute in Houston, Texas
 Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the Bell Tech Career Institute (BTCI) Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2020 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

Historical Perspective:

- The BTCI VN Education Program was approved at the October, 2011 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of 32 students in January 2012.
- BTCI is licensed by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- Since the program began, seven program directors have served in the leadership position. The BTCI owner, Rashidat Kikelomo Bello, RN, BSN was approved as the Interim Director on January 9, 2020 and as Director on March 16, 2021.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past five years are provided below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	Pass Rates	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2020	Full (pending)	100%	7/7
2019	Full w/Warning	68.15%	15/22
2018	Full	66.67% (Self-Study)	10/15
2017	Full	81.82%	9/11
2016	Conditional	100%	13/13

- When a program is placed on conditional approval, as occurred in 2016 due to a 2015 pass rate of 20.83%, it is restricted from enrolling new students in order for the program to focus on improving their outcomes before admitting additional students.
- At the January 2017 Board meeting, the Board voted to change the program's approval status to Full Approval and imposed the following stated conditions and requirements:
 1. The program shall not enroll more than one cohort of 30 students until the program demonstrates a pass rate for first-time candidates of at least 80% on the 2017 NCLEX-PN® examination. The 2017 NCLEX-PN® year is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; and
 2. The program must demonstrate full compliance with Rule 214.
- Due to the 2018 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 66.67%, the program was required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) to evaluate factors that may have contributed to the

graduates' performance on the NCLEX-PN® examination and to provide a description of corrective measures to be implemented.

- The 2019 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 68.15% and the approval status of the program was changed from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning at the January 2020 Board Meeting.
- An unannounced focused survey visit was conducted by Board Staff on March 4-5, 2020 in response to the below 80% pass rates for two consecutive years and the change in the program director.
- The draft survey report was emailed to Ms. Bello for review in late March 2020. The survey report was originally scheduled to be reviewed at the April 2020 Board meeting but the meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Based on the three requirements and three recommendations in the draft report, the program took the initiative to submit documents via email in May 2020 and was found to be in full compliance with the requirements and recommendations that were formally issued at the July 2020 Board meeting.
- A cohort of 17 students graduated in January 2021. Four have taken and passed the NCLEX-PN® examination.
- The current cohort of 22 students was admitted January 19, 2021 and are expected to graduate in January of 2022.

Staff Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has demonstrated a 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 100% (7/7) for first time candidates and is in full compliance with Rule 214.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for Bell Tech Career Institute Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

July 22, 2021

Kikelomo Bello, BSN, RN, Interim Director
Bell Tech Career Institute Vocational Nursing
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Dear Ms. Bello:

At the April 22, 2021 virtual meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the approval status for the Bell Tech Career Institute Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 214.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status for the Bell Tech Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at beverly.skloss@bon.texas.gov or 512-318-3219.

Sincerely,

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

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Bell Tech Career Institute
Vocational Nursing Education Program
In 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 Bell Tech Career Institute 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 Bell Tech Career Institute in Houston, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Bell Tech Career Institute Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas from FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 22th day of April, 2021

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