

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status  
From Initial Approval to Full Approval  
Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for the Schreiner University (SU) Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 215.

**Historical Perspective:**

- SU is a non-profit 501C3 organization, not privately owned or operated. It is an independent, four-year university governed by the SU Board of Trustees.
- SU established a Vocational Nursing Education Program in 1973 and currently has Full Approval by the Texas Board of Nursing (Board).
- The SU BSN Program in Kerrville was approved at the July 2018 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of students in August 2018.
- SU has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees since December 2013.
- Wanda R. Sparks, PhD, RN, an accomplished nurse educator and nursing program administrator, has served as the SU BSN Program Director, since June 2019.
- The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through December 31, 2023.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 100% (10/10) and is eligible for full approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status for the Schreiner University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER**

January 22, 2021

Wanda R. Sparks, PhD, RN  
Program Director  
Schreiner University  
2100 Memorial Blvd.  
Kerrville, TX 78028

Dear Dr. Sparks:

At the January 21, 2021, meeting the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the Schreiner University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status for the Schreiner University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, 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 be of assistance, please contact Board Staff at [Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov](mailto:Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov) or 512-305-7660.

Sincerely,

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

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Diana Comuzzie, PhD, Health Professionals Program Developer  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**

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**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

In the Matter of  
Schreiner University  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program  
In Kerrville, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held virtually on January 21, 2021, to consider the approval status for the Schreiner University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by the Schreiner University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Schreiner University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Kerrville, Texas, from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021

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