

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
Southwest University in El Paso, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for the Southwest University Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in El Paso, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2020 and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The ADN program at Southwest University in El Paso (SUEP), Texas was approved by the Board at the January 2017 meeting and began operation in March 2017.
- SUEP is a for-profit college career-focused university that is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). They are recognized by the Texas Workforce Commission and were issued a waiver by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board based on the ABHES accreditation.
- Manda Anaya, DNP, RN has been the Program Director since its beginning.
- The first cohort of graduates was small and the 2019 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 69.23% with nine passing candidates out of 13. The program submitted a Self-Study Report in 2020 and has implemented corrective measures.
- A larger class tested for the NCLEX-RN® examination and the 2020 pass rate is 80.77% (21/26).

Rationale for Recommendation:

The pass rate of 80.77% and corrective measures in place provides a rationale to change the approval status from Initial Approval to Full Approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the Southwest University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in El Paso, 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

Amanda Anaya, DNP, RN, Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
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El Paso, Texas 79925

Dear Dr. Anaya:

At the January 21, 2021, meeting the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the Southwest University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in El Paso, 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 Southwest University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in El Paso, 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 Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

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

copy: Mrs. Yolanda Arriola, President
Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Southwest University
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In El Paso, 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 Southwest University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in El Paso, 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 Southwest University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in El Paso, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Southwest University Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in El Paso, Texas, from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 21st day of January, 2021

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