

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the preliminary 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Board Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The ADN Program at St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas was approved by the Board at the July 2016 meeting. St. Philip's College requested to start this program several years after a previous ADN program closed in 2010.
- Valerie Moke, MSN, RN, CCM was appointed Program Director in January 2019 and has led the program since that date.
- The approval status was changed to Conditional Approval at the January 2019 Board meeting. The pass rate for 2020 was 80%, the Board benchmark for Full approval, but because of a small number of students testing and the fact that the program had not been on Full approval since it began, the Board chose to change the approval status back to Initial Approval rather than Full Approval.
- It has been determined that the NCLEX-RN® pass rate for 2021 will be 100%. There will be no additional test-takers during 2021. The program was restricted to take admissions when they were on Conditional approval so this is the cohort for testing for 2021. Since the program is fairly new, there no outstanding candidates from previous enrollments.

Rationale for Staff Recommendation:

Ms. Moke has demonstrated effective leadership during her tenure as Program Director. In addition, St. Philip's College has increased the number of faculty for the ADN program. This change in approval status will not only increase the morale of the program faculty and staff, but will provide an encouragement in their efforts to achieve excellence.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon their acceptable NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for two consecutive years and their compliance with Rule 215 as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (see Attachment #1).

Draft Letter
October 22, 2021

Valerie Moke, MSN, RN, CCM
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
St. Philip's College
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San Antonio, Texas 78203

Dear Ms. Moke:

At the October 21, 2021 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status of St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, based upon review of the preliminary 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations on this achievement and the opportunity to move forward.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-6814.

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
St. Philip's College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In San Antonio, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on October 21, 2021, 333 Guadalupe, Tower III, Room 100, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon review of the preliminary 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the files materials, as well as any response from representatives from the St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of St. Philip's College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 22nd day of October, 2021

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