

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Initial Approval to Full Approval
Hallmark University in San Antonio, Texas
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the Hallmark University (HU) Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and program strengths that indicate compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- HU, a non-profit educational institution, was founded in 1969 with the purpose of serving students, industry, and the community. The first HU education program was to teach, train, and certify aviation maintenance technicians.
- In the 1980s, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) granted HU authorization to award associate degrees and new program areas were added. The growth of the programs led to the opening of a second campus in 1985 and business programs were launched at the new campus in 1988.
- Hallmark introduced an Associate Degree Program in Computer Network Systems Technology in 2002 followed by the Associate Degree in Medical Assistant and Business Office Administration in 2003. In August 2008, THECB issued HU a Certificate of Authorization to grant a Baccalaureate Degree in Business Management. Approval for the Accounting Certificate Program was granted in August 2009.
- Currently, HU consists of two campuses with over 700 students enrolled at the main campus and the College of Aeronautics campus. The university offers Associates, Baccalaureate, and Masters degrees that focus on integrating theory, concepts, and applications in the fields of Aviation, Business, Information Technology, Nursing, and Allied Health.
- HU has been accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) since 1971. In July 2021, ACCSC conducted a site visit to Hallmark University and the university is currently awaiting a final decision. Once confirmed, the accreditation will be in place for five years.
- In January 2011, the Board approved the establishment of an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program at HU and an initial cohort of 30 students was admitted in May 2011. The program experienced a series of NCLEX-RN® pass rates below 80%. In

October 2016, HU notified the Board of voluntary closure of the ADN Education Program. If the HU administration had not made this decision, Board Staff would have recommended withdrawal of approval to the Board at the January 2017 meeting based upon four consecutive years of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates falling below 80% and areas of noncompliance with Board rules.

- Prior to HU's formal notification to the Board of voluntary closure of the ADN Program, the university assembled a new nursing education team. Dr. Gabriel Oluwakotanmi, the BSN proposal author, was hired to oversee the ADN Program in December 2015, and under his leadership the ADN Program exhibited a 2017 NCLEXRN® pass rate of 87.5%. All students who were enrolled in the ADN Program completed the program of study.
- Development of the BSN Program began and moved forward under Dr. Oluwakotanmi's guidance. At the April 2018 meeting, the Board approved the establishment of the HU BSN Program; the first cohort of 23 students was enrolled in December 2018.
- Claudia Oglivie, PhD, MSN, RN, is the current HU BSN Program Director, appointed and approved in June 2021. Dr. Oglivie has been a professional nurse and nurse educator for 30 years, both in civilian and military settings, including serving as the Director of the U.S. Army Practical Nurse Program. She is an accomplished professional nurse, nurse educator, and nursing program administrator.
- HU currently offers six enrollment periods: August, October, December, February, April, and June. Although, while students are considered enrolled in the BSN Program, the October, February, and June dates reflect actual beginning of the nursing courses (fundamentals). The other dates represent dates that the students are enrolled in prerequisite courses, and upon successful completion will transition into the nursing courses (fundamentals).
- The BSN Program has six full-time faculty members and seven part-time faculty members.
- The BSN Program offers 60% of total clinical learning experiences in acute care settings, 10% in long-term care settings, and 30% of clinical instruction in community settings. Clinical affiliates in the San Antonio area include: Texas Vista Medical Center, Southwest General Hospital, Methodist Hospital, Regent Oakwell Farms, Morningside Ministries, and Clarity Child Guidance.
- During the 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination year, 51 candidates completed the licensing examination. Fifty of the 51 candidates were successful, yielding an NCLEX-RN® pass rate of 98.04%.

Rationale for Staff Recommendation:

Hallmark University is a non-profit educational institution that is accredited by ACCSC and authorized by THECB to grant degrees. Based upon performance, consistent administrative leadership of the President/CEO Joe Fisher, well-accomplished nursing leaders and nursing faculty, and the provision of exemplary clinical learning experiences, Board Staff recommend full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the Hallmark University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2021 and program strengths that indicate compliance with Rule 215 as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

Draft Letter

April 21, 2022

Claudia Ogilvie, PhD, MSN, RN
Director of Nursing
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
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Dear Dr. Ogilvie:

At the hybrid April 21, 2022, meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the Hallmark University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2021 and program strengths indicating 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 Hallmark University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, 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 2022 Board meeting.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board Staff at Virginia.Ayars@bon.texas.gov or via telephone at (512) 305-7660.

Sincerely,

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

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Hallmark University
Baccalaureate 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 by hybrid format on April 21, 2022, 333 Guadalupe, Tower III, Room 100, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the Hallmark University Baccalaureate 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 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and program strengths indicating compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as any response from representatives from the Hallmark University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Hallmark University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 21st day of April, 2022

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