

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
 From Conditional Approval to Full Approval
 College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions in Richardson, Texas
 Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in the program approval status for the College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions (CNAHP) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Richardson, Texas from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon the 2022 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and efforts made by the program for improvement to align with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- CNAHP received initial approval from the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) to establish an ADN Education Program at the April 2009 Board meeting and began operation in Summer 2009 as the Dallas Nursing Institute (DNI).
- DNI changed ownership in December 2013 when it partnered with TCS Education System (TCS), an entrepreneurial, nonprofit higher education system.
- In 2018, DNI was acquired by The Chicago School of Professions Psychology (TCSP).
- Dallas Nursing Institute changed its name to CNAHP in July 2020.
- CNAHP is accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), one of the six regional accreditation organizations.
- Gwendolyn Gaston, MSN, RN, served as the ADN Program Director since December 2010 and retired in September 2021.
- Tonya Sawyer-McGee, DNP, MBA, MSN, BSN, RN, ACNP-BC is the current director of the Associate Degree and Vocational Nursing Education Programs and meets all qualifications set forth by Board Rule 215.6 *Administration and Organization*.
- The NCLEX-RN® pass rates for the past six years are provided in the table below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2022	Full	86.96%	20/23
2021	Conditional	51.85%	14/27
2020	Full with Warning	53.85%	28/52
2019	Full	61.70%	29/47
2018	Full	90.91%	50/55
2017	Full with Warning	91.18%	31/34

- Since the program has been approved, the Program Director and faculty have been required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) three times, see table below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2011	Initial – Self-Study Report Required	62.75%	32/51
2012	Initial Approval with Warning	65.22%	15/23
2013	Initial with Warning remained since there were no test-takers	No first time candidates	
2015	Self-Study Report Required	12/26	46.15%
2016	Warning	15/19	78.95%
2019	Self-Study Report Required	29/47	61.70%
2020	Warning	28/52	53.85%
2021	Conditional	14/27	51.85%

- Due to the 2019 NCLEX-RN® pass rate of 61.70%, the Program Director and faculty members were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) in 2020 that would evaluate factors that may have contributed to the graduates' performance on the NCLEX-RN® examination and a description of the corrective measures to be implemented.
- Despite efforts to correct areas for improvement, the pass rate for 2021 was 51.85% and the program's approval status of the CNAHP ADN Program was changed to Full with Warning.
- Due to the continuing noncompliance with Rule 215 due to NCLEX-RN® pass rate and areas needing correction, the program was placed on Conditional Approval at the April 2022 Board Meeting.
- When programs are on Conditional Approval, they are prohibited from enrolling new students.
- CNAHP has made improvements to their program of study over the past two years that have significantly improved the performance of students.

Staff Rationale for Recommendations:

The program has demonstrated a preliminary pass rate for first-time candidates of **86.96%** on the 2022 NCLEX-RN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 215. Though the Board usually addresses approval status changes for professional nursing education programs at the April Board when the previous year's pass rates are officially reviewed, Board Staff recommend removal of a Conditional status at an early date. This action removes the severe penalty of not being able to admit new students to the program

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Richardson, Texas from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the preliminary 2022 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

Draft Letter

January 21, 2023

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Dear Dr. Sawyer-McGee:

At the January 19, 2023 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status of the College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Richardson, Texas, based upon review of the preliminary 2022 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 NCLEX-RN® College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Richardson, Texas, from CONDITIONAL 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 gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov or 512-621-5179.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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WASC Senior College and University Commission
Texas Workforce Commission

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Richardson, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 19, 2023, in a hybrid format at University of Texas Pickle Research Center, 10100 Burnet Rd Building 137, Austin, TX 78758, to consider the approval status of the College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Richardson, 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 2022, findings in the 2020 Self-Study Report, and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from the College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Richardson, Texas and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Richardson, Texas from CONDITIONAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 19th day of January 2023

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