

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL STATUS BASED ON 2006 NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION  
 PASS RATES, REVIEW OF 2006 ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW OF SELF STUDY**

**CISCO JUNIOR COLLEGE  
 ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Consider staff recommendation concerning approval status and requirements to be met for Cisco Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program (LVN to ADN Track) based on review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2006, review of the 2006 Annual Report, and review of the May 22, 2007 self study report.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

YEAR	Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2007		as of 3/31/07 89.19%	
2006	Full	75.76%	25/33
2005	Full	93.15 %	30/32
2004	Full	82.35%	28/34

- The Cisco Junior College's Associate Degree Nursing Education Program (LVN to ADN Track) in Abilene, Texas has been in operation since 1997.
- Due to the 75.76% pass rate on the 2006 NCLEX-RN® examination, the program was required to submit a self study report that evaluated factors which contributed to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The Self Study Report was received in the Board office on May 22, 2007. A request by the Program Director for two extensions was granted for an additional seven weeks. The reason for the extensions could be part due to the faculty working an overload assignment.

**PROS AND CONS:**

Pros-

- The program conducted a comprehensive self study with the following conclusions.
  - No major changes in the curriculum or teaching methods for this class except for annual evaluation of curriculum for currency.
  - No faculty turnover or retirement occurred.
  - No new faculty were hired.
  - Faculty utilized the results of item analysis data to increase difficulty in test item questions.
  - Test blueprints were provided to the student before each examination.
  - Examinations were given over one to two units of course content with sufficient time for student to study material.
  - Some students had marginal performance in nursing courses throughout the program.

- Clinical facilities provide a wide range of learning opportunities for the student.
  - Individual student factors were the major factors contributing to failure of NCLEX-RN exam.
  - ATI Predictor Exam revealed some students should have passed the exam but did not.
- Corrective measures have been implemented:
    - Developed and Initiated a more rigorous orientation session for students to acquaint them with the program's requirements and challenges of the program
    - Reviewed all unit and competency exams to incorporate higher level test items which reflect all components of the NCLEX-RN test plan.
    - Continue ATI testing as part of the evaluative process for student progression.
    - Reviewed course grade in relation to ATI testing.
    - Increased the emphasis on GPA scores as an admission factor
    - The faculty have implemented all of the above corrective measures.

Cons-

- No formal remediation plan in place for program and student services.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Move to continue full approval status for Cisco Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program, accept the Self Study Report, and issue a requirement to be met, as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

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Attachment  
Agenda item: 3.2.3.a

July 23, 2007

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Dear Ms. Morgan:

At the July 19-20, 2007 meeting, members of the Board of Nurse Examiners discussed the approval status of Cisco Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based on the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2006, review of the 2006 Annual Report, and review of the March 2007 Self-Study Report. The members of the Board wish to thank [ ] for being available to answer questions.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to continue full approval status and issue the following requirement.

**Requirement:**

1. Rule 215.6(f) related to Administration and Organization requires in pertinent part that “Each professional nursing education program shall be administered by a qualified individual who is accountable for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the professional nursing education program”. A review of the March, 2007 Self-Study Report revealed that the report contains ongoing corrective measures. **Therefore**, the program director shall be responsible for the implementation and continuing evaluation of ongoing corrective measures identified in the Self-Study Report and shall submit an evaluation of the effectiveness of the corrective measures to the Board office by October 31, 2007.

A requirement is a mandatory criterion based upon program assessment indirectly related to the rules to which the program must respond in the manner prescribed.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7658.

Sincerely,

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