

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN APPROVAL STATUS
BASED ON THE NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATES FOR
THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS**

**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning a proposed change in the approval status for Montgomery College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-RN® Examination pass rates for the first graduating class.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
July 2005	Granted Initial Approval	Enrolled 30 students in program in August 2005	
May 2007	Initial	First graduated in May 2007 Preliminary results available- 92.3%	24/26

- Montgomery College Associate Degree was granted approval to begin an associate degree nursing program and placed on Initial status by the Board of Nurse Examiners in July 2005. The students enrolled in the program on August 29, 2005.
- Twenty six of thirty students graduated in May of 2007. Twenty four graduates have tested. The NCLEX-RN® results for the graduating class are as identified above.
- Three students have failed to pass the exit achievement exam and are still auditing the nursing course and expected to complete the course in Fall 2007.
- Assuming failure of the two students, the NCLEX-RN® pass rate for the first class would be above the required 80%.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros:

- The program director and faculty have conducted an analysis of the program to identify strengths and weaknesses. Corrective measures have been implemented.
- Remediation plans are provided for each student who are currently auditing the nursing course.
- Attrition has been minimal in the program (29/30 graduates).

Cons:

- None noted

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to change the Initial approval status of the Montgomery College Associate Degree nursing education program to Full in accordance with rule 215. 4 related to Approval as noted in the attached letter (Attachment one).

Draft Letter

Agenda Item: 3.2.3.b.
Attachment 1

October 22, 2007

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Dear Ms. Scott:

At the October 18-19, 2007 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing considered the approval status of the Montgomery College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program and the program's NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for first time graduates.

Based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® pass rate, it was the decision of the Board to move the program from Initial Approval to Full Approval.

If we may be of assistance to you, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7658 or email at dorothy.joy@bon.state.tx.us

Sincerely,

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