

**NOTIFICATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
 PANOLA COLLEGE AT CARTHAGE AND PANOLA COLLEGE AT SHELBY COLLEGE IN CENTER**

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
Panola College at Carthage	2006	Full	87.50%	21/24
	2005	Full	81.82%	27/33
	2004	Full	86.95%	20/23

Panola College at Shelby College in Center	2006	Full	91.67%	33/36
	2005	Full	93.75%	30/32
	2004	Full	88.24%	30/34

- The VN nursing education program at Panola College at Carthage was approved by the Texas State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners to enter a first class in 1961.
- a satellite vocational nursing educational program was begun at Shelby College in Center in January 1997
- The two sites have decided to consolidate the programs following changes in nursing program administration in the fall of 2007.
- Changes have been made to accommodate the consolidation.
- The program indicated that consistency between campuses will enable faculty to support each other and share resources.
- Meetings are being held at least monthly to ensure a smooth transition.
- Students will benefit by having an option for a seamless transfer from one campus to the other.
- Using identical curricula at both campuses will provide faculty backup when needed.
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**SUMMARY:**

- Consolidation became effective October 8, 2007 (date of board notification of consolidation).
- Previous program codes for the Center site will be deactivated.
- Program Code for Panola College at Carthage will be the only Program code utilized.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

No Board action required. This notification is for information purposes only.