

**PETITION TO REQUEST EXTENSION OF FACULTY WAIVER
AMARILLO COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
AMARILLO, TEXAS**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider the petition from Amarillo College to request an extension of a faculty waiver on behalf of Rebecca Vincent, RN and the recommendation from the Education Liaison Committee (ELC) regarding the petition.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- Ms. Vincent was granted a faculty waiver on February 13, 2007 in response to a program need for OB coverage when a full-time clinical instructor took an extended leave related to a family crisis.
- The full-time instructor terminated her employment the day before the beginning of the Fall 2007 term.
- A continued search for a full-time OB instructor this semester has yielded no applicants.
- Approximately 70 students will progress into the OB didactic and clinical courses in Spring 2008.
- Ms. Vincent is willing to continue supervising students in the OB clinical experiences but her waiver will expire on February 13, 2008.
- Ms. Vincent is presently enrolled in an accelerated RN to MSN Program at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, and will complete the degree during the Spring 2008 semester.
- The petition for extension of faculty waiver is requested for the time frame of February 13, 2008 to May 9, 2008 when the Spring semester ends.
- All required documents and current transcripts for Ms. Vincent are in order.
- The petition for extension of faculty waiver was referred to the Education Liaison Committee (ELC) for review. (See internal checklist identifying criteria for approval in Attachment #1).
- Members of the ELC recommend approval of the waiver.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros:

- Ms. Vincent is actively engaged in pursuing an MSN.
- She has been involved in clinical supervision of students since February 2007.
- Amarillo College has maintained high NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates with commendations for the past three years.

YEAR	Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2007	Full	91.54%	119/130
2006	Full	90.23%	120/133
2005	Full	91.06%	112/123

- The program has actively been involved in a search for a full-time faculty member.

Cons:

None noted.

EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the Education Liaison Committee voted to recommend approval of the extension of the faculty waiver for Rebecca Vincent, RN to extend the time of the waiver until May 9, 2008. A letter dated -December 5, 2007 was forwarded to Sheryl Mueller, MEd, MSN, RN, Associate Degree Program Director at Amarillo College advising her that Ms. Vincent may continue to carry out duties as clinical instructor during the Spring semester 2008 pending Board approval at the January 2008 meeting (Attachment #2).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to approve the extension of faculty waiver of Rebecca Vincent based on the recommendation from the Education Liaison Committee as indicated in the attached letter (Attachment #3).

INTERNAL CHECKLIST: APPROVAL FOR EXTENSION OF FACULTY WAIVER

- 1.Name of Program/Type of Program: Amarillo College, ADN _____
- 2.Type of Original Faculty Waiver: Emergency (RN Programs only, but not APN.) Non -
Emergency
- 3.Requested Dates for Waiver Extension: From 2/13/08 to 5/9/08 _____
- 4.Included explanation of need for extension of faculty waiver? Yes No

WAIVERED FACULTY MEMBER

- 1.Name of Waivered Faculty Member and Credentials: Rebecca Vincent, RN _____
- 2.Holds a current license or privilege to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Texas? Yes
No
- RN License # 712747 _____ State TX _____ Expiration Date 12/31/09 (Verified) _____
- 3.Recent performance evaluation included? Yes No / _____ (Satisfactory) _____ Unsatisfactory
- 4.Anticipated subject area of teaching responsibility: OB clinical _____
- 5.Included plan for adequate supervision and mentoring of prospective faculty member? Yes No
- 6.If appropriate, included updated Graduate Degree Plan Yes No
- 7.Included evidence of current enrollment in master's or doctorate nursing education program or graduate level nursing courses? Yes No
- 8.Current Projected Completion Date of Degree/Requirements: 5/0/08
- 9.Number of credit hours earned: 30 _____ Number of credit hours remaining: 9 _____
- 10.Included transcripts of graduate work? Yes No
- 11.Plan submitted for assisting waivered faculty to meet BNE education requirements? Yes No

PROGRAM DATA

- 1.Program Approval: Initial Full Full with Warning Conditional
- 2.Current number of waivered faculty employed by the program: = 2 _____ Percent = 9%
- 3.Composition of faculty: Full-time = 19 _____ Part-time = 2 _____
- 4.Percent of faculty waivered for past three years (# waivered ÷ # employed) = 2 _____
- 5.Program's NCLEX PN/RN pass rate for preceding two years: 91% _____ 90% _____

DNC: Approved / Denied Date Nursing Education Program notified: _____
ELC recommendation: (Approve) / Deny Comments: 12/5/07 _____
Date Nursing Education Program notified: 12/5/07 re ELC decision
Date of Board Meeting 1/18/08 _____ Approved / Denied

December 5, 2007

Sheryl Mueller, MEd, MSN, RN
Nursing Division Chair
Associate Degree Program Director
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Dear Ms. Mueller:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 19, 2007 and received in board office on December 4, 2007 requesting consideration by the Board of Nursing of a petition to extend the faculty waiver for Rebecca Vincent, RN to May 9, 2008. The petition and all documents were reviewed by the Education Liaison Committee (ELC) of the Board and the ELC is recommending approval of the petition. This decision requires ratification by the Board at the next scheduled Board meeting on January 17-18, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814.

Sincerely,

Janice I. Hooper, PhD, RN
Nursing Consultant for Education

copy: Rebecca Vincent, RN

January 22, 2008

Sheryl Mueller, MEd, MSN, RN
Nursing Division Chair
Associate Degree Program Director
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Dear Ms. Mueller:

This letter is to notify you that your petition for faculty waiver on behalf of Rebecca Vincent, RN to extend the time line for the waiver through May 9, 2008 was discussed at the January 17-18, 2008 meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing. Based upon the discussion and the recommendation from the Education Liaison Committee of the Board, it was the decision of the Board to ratify approval to extend the faculty waiver for Rebecca Vincent, RN through May 9, 2008.

If you have questions or if we may provide assistance to the program in any way, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP
President

copy: Rebecca Vincent, RN