

**CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL STATUS
 BASED ON 2007 NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATES, REVIEW OF 2007 NURSING EDUCATIONAL
 PROGRAM INFORMATION SURVEY (NEPIS) AND 2007 COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF NURSING
 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (CANEP), AND REVIEW OF SELF-STUDY REPORT**

**EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation concerning the approval status and the requirement to be met for the East Texas Baptist University (ETBU) in Marshall, Texas, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Educational Program based on review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2007, review of the 2007 NEPIS and 2007 CANEP, and review of the self-study report.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates Passed/Total
2008	Full	91.67% <u>Preliminary</u> 10/01/2007 - 06/30/2008	11/12
2007	Full	78.57%	17/18
2006	Full	87.50%	21/24
2005	Full	88.89%	16/18
2004	Full	45.45%	10/22

- The ETBU BSN Educational Program began operation in 1992.
- In February 2005, the program was directed to complete a self study due to a 45.45% pass rate for 2004. Corrective actions were implemented by the program after the Board accepted the self-study report was accepted at the April 2005 Board meeting and these corrective actions were evidently effective as the program's pass rate remained 80% or greater until 2007.
- Board staff conducted a survey visit of the program in January 2006 and at the April 2006 Board meeting, the Board issued commendations, recommendations, and requirements to be met. The program appropriately addressed all the recommendations and met all the requirements.
- Due to a 78.57% pass rate on the 2007 NCLEX-RN® examination, the program was required to submit a 2008 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 April 10, 2008.
- The dean/program director submitting the self-study was appointed to the position on August 15, 2006, but has recently resigned.
- ETBU is requesting a waiver to appoint an interim dean and director of the program who does not hold a doctoral degree as required by the rule in order to qualify to administer a BSN educational program (See Agenda Item, 3.2.7).

PROS AND CONS:

Pros-

- The program has appropriately addressed all previous recommendations and requirements to be met that were issued by the Board in response to the 2005 Self-Study and the January 2006 survey visit.
- The program conducted a comprehensive self-study in April 2008 and identified factors which may have contributed to the low pass rate:
 - Personal problems that impacted students;
 - Low maturation level of the students;
 - Science courses taken at other institution;
 - Low science course GPA;
 - Minimum passing score in courses; and
 - Possible unidentified curriculum weaknesses.
- The program plans to implement the follow corrective measures:
 - Continue to caution students against planning major personal events along with preparing to take the NCLEX-RN® examination;
 - Add additional student counseling and student mentoring activities;
 - Administer the HESI Exit exam closer to the conclusion of the HESI preparatory course and closer to graduation so that students can take the NCLEX-RN® examination withing thirty (30) days of taking the HESI and graduation
 - Require that all sciences or at least specific science courses be taken at ETBU;
 - Change the passing standard to 80% or resume grading criteria for a "C" to 80%-83%;
 - Hire an external consultant to conduct another review of the curriculum.
- Preliminary results for the program's 2008 pass rate show a 91.67% with one quarter remaining in the testing period for 2008.

Cons-

- ETBU is requesting a waiver of the required dean/director qualifications to appoint a nursing faculty member who does not hold a doctoral degree as interim dean/director of the ETBU BSN Education Program (See Agenda Item, 3.2.7.).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to continue full approval status for the East Texas Baptist University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program, accept the Self-Study Report, and issue the requirement to be met as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

August 1, 2008

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Dear Ms. Borcharding:

At the July 17-18, 2008 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing reviewed the approval status of the East Texas Baptist University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program based on the Board staff's report regarding review of the 2007 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, review of the 2007 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS) and 2007 Compliance Audit of Nursing Education Programs (CANEP), and review of the April 2008 Self-study Report.

Based upon the review of documents and board staff recommendation, it was the decision of the Board to continue the full approval status of the East Texas Baptist University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Educational Program, accept the self-study report and issue the following requirement to be met.

REQUIREMENT

Rule 215. 6(f) related to Administration and Organization, requires in pertinent part that "Each professional nursing educational program shall be administered by a qualified individual who is accountable for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the professional nursing educational program." A review of the 2008 self-study report revealed that the report contains ongoing corrective measures. **Therefore**, the nursing program director shall be responsible for the implementation and continuing evaluation of ongoing corrective measures identified in the April 2008 self study and shall submit documentation of the implementation and evaluation of the ongoing corrective measure at the same time the 2008 and 2009 NEPIS and CANEP are submitted, as appropriate.

Requirements are mandatory criterion based on program assessment directly related to the rule that shall be addressed in the manner prescribed. If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6815 or by email at robbin.wilson@bon.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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