

**REPORT OF SURVEY VISIT
 LONE STAR COLLEGE-MONTGOMERY IN CONROE, TEXAS
 VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider staff recommendation based on findings of the report of a routine survey visit to Lone Star College-Montgomery Vocational Nursing Educational Program in Conroe, Texas conducted on June 10-11, 2008.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

YEAR	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2007	Full	95%	19/20
2006	Full	100%	22/22
2005	Full	95.45%	22/23

- The program began in April, 1995 and is located at 3200 College Park, Conroe, Texas.
- The program is accredited by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- Board staff conducted a survey visit on June 10-11, 2008.

Summary of Survey Visit

- 214.1 General Requirements - Criteria met**
 - There was a general awareness of Rule 214. All faculty has taken the on-course on education rules.
- 214.3 Program Development, Expansion, and Closure-Criteria met**
 - The program enrolls twenty-four (24) students in February of each year.
- 214.4 Approval -Criteria met**
 - The 2008 NCLEX pass rate for the first quarter is 81.82%.
- 214.5 Philosophy/Mission and Objectives/Outcomes -Criteria Met**
- 214.6 Administration and Organization- Criteria met**
 - Administration is very supportive of the program.
 - Director has the authority for the nursing program.
 - Nursing faculty workload policy reviewed with a decrease of hours from regular college faculty.
- 214.7 Faculty Qualifications and Faculty Organization -Criteria met**
 - Review of minutes for standing program committees have clear written established duties and membership that meet regularly and document the reasons for actions and decisions.
 - Faculty Handbook reveals that policies/procedures/by laws that guide the program are present.
 - Program utilizes clinical preceptors.
- 214.8 Students- Criteria met**
 - Student elect representatives that participate on nursing's standing committees.
 - A signed receipt acknowledging student policies is in the students file.
 - Discussion with director and coordinator reveal that full Bon eligibility information as required by the rule is not given to both verbally and written to the student with a specific signed receipt.
- 214.9 Program of Study - Criteria met**
 - Syllabi were consistent in format and includes all required elements.
 - DELC are include in the curriculum

214.10 Management of Clinical Learning Experiences and Resources - Criteria met

- Sufficient clinical sites for the twenty-four students.

214.11 Facilities, Resources and Services- Criteria met

- A formal weeding policy in place for media and text holdings.
- Three skills' laboratory with a total of 14 complete/bed stations with mannikens.

214.12 Records and Report- Criteria met

214.13 Total Program Evaluation (TPE)- Criteria met

Pros:

- The director and faculty are dedicated to the program and student success.
- Administration is supportive of the program and financial resources for building expansion and skills lab equipment for simulation.
- There is strong community support for the program.

Cons:

- The full BON eligibility information as required by the rule is not given to both verbally and written to the student.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board, accept the report of the survey visit and issue the following commendations, recommendations and requirements to be met as indicated in the attached letter.

DRAFT LETTER

July 21, 2008

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Dear Ms. Scott:

At the July 17-18, 2008 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) considered the report of the survey visit to the Lone Star College-Montgomery Vocational Nursing Educational Program in Conroe, Texas. It was the decision of the Board accept the findings of the survey visit and issue the following Commendations, Recommendations and Requirement to be met:

Commendations

1. The director and faculty are dedicated to the program and student success.
2. Administration is supportive of the program and financial resources for building expansion and skills lab equipment for simulation.
3. There is strong community support for the program.

Recommendations:

1. Revise school web site to Texas Board of Nursing.
2. Revise and the new peer review policy for the Peer Review Committee as well as distributing the information to the student.
3. Utilize on line application process for students to include electronic fingerprinting, approval application, electronic Pearson Vue registration to expedite the process of registering to test with Pearson Vue.

Requirement:

1. Rule 214.8 (b)(1-2) related to Students requires that individuals enrolled in approved vocational nursing education programs preparing students for licensure shall be provided verbal and written information regarding conditions that may disqualify graduates from licensure and of their rights to petition the Board for a Declaratory Order of Eligibility. Required eligibility information includes:(1) Texas Occupations Code § 213.252, 301.257, and 301.452-469; and (2) Sections § 213.27 to 213.30 of the Texas Occupations Code (relating to Good Professional Character, Licensure of Persons with Criminal Convictions, Criteria and Procedure Regarding Intemperate Use and Lack of Fitness in Eligibility and Disciplinary Matters, and Declaratory Order of Eligibility for Licensure). The review of the program documents reveals that full BON eligibility information as required by the rule is not given to both verbally and written to the student. **Therefore**, the program director and faculty shall revise the student policy in handbook and receipt of BON eligibility information to reflect the full eligibility information as required by the rule.

Recommendations are suggestions based upon program assessment indirectly related to the rules to which the program must respond but in a method of their choosing.

Requirements are mandatory criteria based on program assessments 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) 305-7658 or dorothy.joy@bon.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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