

**Consideration for Change of Approval Status from Full to Full with Warning  
Midland College in Midland, Texas  
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Midland College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Midland, Texas, based upon review of the 2010 NCLEX-PN® examination rate, the 2010 NEPIS, and Rule 214.

**Historical Perspective:**

- Midland College (Midland, TX) Vocational Nursing Program has been in operation since 1972.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past five (5) years follow:

<b>Exam Year</b>	<b>NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed / Total)</b>	<b>BON Approval Status</b>	<b>Date of Change in Approval Status</b>
2010	73.68%	(42/57)	(Pending)	(Pending)
2009	71.74%	(33/46)	Full	
2008	84.78%	(39/46)	Full	
2007	82.14%	(46/56)	Full	
2006	82.61%	(38/46)	Full	

- The program was required to complete a Self-Study report because the 2009 NCLEX-PN® pass rate fell below the required 80%. The Self-Study, received in Board offices on May 28, 2010, identified multiple factors thought to have contributed to the decline in pass rate. Factors included: 1) inconsistent use of standardized testing outcome data in the Medical-Surgical exam and in the comprehensive exam; 2) use of “admission points” for non-nursing pre-requisites where higher points are given for higher grades in these courses; 3) use of two different entrance exams at the applicant’s choice, while the two exams are not readily comparable; 4) significant personal problems; 5) course exams written below the application or analysis level; and 6) differences in weighting grade averages across courses.
- Corrective actions were designed, with implementation occurring at varying points from January through Autumn 2010.

**PROs and CONs:**

**Pros:**

- The Self-Study report analyzed all aspects of the program and identified factors thought to contribute to a low pass rate.

**Cons:**

- Corrective actions identified by the program have not had a positive impact on the 2010 NCLEX-PN® pass rate.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status of Midland College in Midland, Texas Vocational Nursing Education Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorize Board staff to conduct a survey visit as indicated in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

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LETTER

May 2, 2011

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Dear Ms. Jones:

At the April 28-29, 2011 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Midland College - Vocational Nursing Education Program based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2010, review of the 2010 NEPIS, and compliance with Rule 214. Members of the Board wish to thank you and <<INSERT AS NEEDED>> for being present at the meeting to answer questions.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Midland College (Midland) Vocational Nursing Education Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorize a survey visit in 2011. Board staff will contact you to schedule the survey visit.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board staff at (512) 305-7658.

Sincerely,

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President

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