

**Consideration of Change of Approval Status from Initial to Full  
Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Sam Houston State University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Huntsville, Texas, based upon the review of the 2013 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, review of the 2012 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and compliance with Rule 215.

**Historical Perspective:**

- Sam Houston State University BSN Program was approved by the Board at the October 2010 meeting.
- The program is based upon a 121 credit, four-year curriculum pattern with 59 credit hours in support courses and 62 credit hours of nursing courses.
- The last campus visit to Sam Houston State University was made by LeAnn Wagner, MSN, RN, in April, 2013.
- The BSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and has been surveyed for accreditation by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.
- After the program has full Board approval, they plan to establish an extension site on the campus of Lone Star College-Montgomery in the Woodlands. Board Staff have received several letters of support for the extension site from clinical affiliating agencies in the Woodlands area.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2013 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 87.50% (28/32) and is eligible for full approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status of Sam Houston State University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Huntsville, Texas from Initial to Full Approval. (See draft letter in Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

January 27, 2014

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Dear Dr. Stiles:

At the January 23-24, 2014 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Sam Houston State University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2013, review of the 2012 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Sam Houston State University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Huntsville, Texas, from Initial to Full Approval. Congratulations upon this achievement. The program will receive a certificate of approval following the April 2014 Board meeting.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814.

Sincerely,

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