

**Consideration of Change of Approval Status from Initial to Full
 Texas State Technical College West Texas in Brownwood, Texas
 Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Texas State Technical College (TSTC) West Texas Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Brownwood, 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:

- TSTC West Texas ADN Program was approved by the Board at the October 2007 meeting.
- The program was developed as an LVN to ADN mobility program
- The program was unable to achieve an NCLEX examination pass rate above 80% for the first three (3) years of candidate testing.
- The table indicates changes in approval status based upon the annual NCLEX examination pass rates and areas of noncompliance with Rule 215.

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Annual Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
January 2014 Board Meeting	Staff recommend Full Approval	2013 Pass Rate = 88.89%	24/27
January 2013 Board Meeting	Initial approval reinstated based upon 2012 pass rate	2012 Pass Rate = 100% but small cohort	9/9
January 2012 Board Meeting	Conditional issued at January 2012 meeting based upon 3 consecutive years of pass rate below 80%	2011 Pass Rate = 76.92%	20/26
January 2011 Board Meeting	Initial with warning issued at January 2011 meeting based upon 2 years pass rate below 80%. Survey Visit November 2011	2010 Pass Rate = 75.00%	18/24
January 2010 Board Meeting	Initial Approval - Self Study Report because of 2009 pass rate of 76.47%	2009 Pass Rate = 76.47%	13/17

- Staff did not recommend moving to Full Approval in 2013 because the program had struggled since it began and even though the 2012 pass rate was 100%, the number of students testing was only nine (9), perhaps not representative of the program's potential.
- Survey visit conducted by Janice I. Hooper in November 2011 indicated that the program had new leadership, new faculty, and major changes to the curriculum and clinical activities.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has had two consecutive years where they have attained a pass rate well above 80%. The faculty are stable and the program is in compliance with Rule 215.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of Texas State Technical College West Texas Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Brownwood, Texas from Initial to Full Approval. (See draft letter in Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

January 27, 2014

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Dear Ms. Alexander:

At the January 23-24, 2014 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Texas State Technical College West Texas Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2013, a review of the 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 Texas State Technical College West Texas Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Brownwood, 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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President of the Board

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