

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Conditional to Full Approval
Midland College in Midland, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of the Midland College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Midland, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon the review of the 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, review of the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The Midland College ADN Program in Midland, Texas was established in 1981 and graduated the first cohort in 1984.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past six (6) years are provided in the following table:

Exam Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2014	Conditional	82.61%	57/69
2013	Full with Warning	73.68%	56/76
2012	Full	76.19%	48/63
2011	Full	78.16%	68/87
2010	Full	89.77%	79/88
2009	Full	85.19%	69/81

- Subsequent to the program being placed on Conditional Approval at the January 2014 Board meeting, the program was prohibited from enrolling new students.
- Midland College administration provided multiple resources to the ADN Program, including contracting Nursing Consultant Donna Ignatavicius, MS, RN, ANEF to evaluate the program of study and provide guidance to the program director and faculty members in identifying measures designed for program and student success.
- The Education Consultants conducted a telephone conference on July 29, 2014 with the ADN Program Director and faculty members. Outcomes of the corrective actions initiated in Summer 2012 were discussed.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of at least 80% on the 2014 NCLEX RN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 215.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Midland, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Full Approval (See Attachment #1.)

DRAFT LETTER

October 27, 2014

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Dear Ms. Edwards:

At the October 23-24, 2014 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Midland, Texas based upon the review of the 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, review of the 2013 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 Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Midland, Texas from Conditional Approval to Full Approval.

If you have questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board Staff at 512-305-7660.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing