

**Consideration of Notification of Voluntary Closing of a Nursing Education Program
 Quest College in San Antonio, Texas
 Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the notification received from Quest College in San Antonio, Texas, to close its vocational nursing (VN) education program, effective January 21, 2016.

Historical Perspective:

- The Quest College VN program was initially approved at the January 2010 Board meeting.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates since the program began are provided below:

NCLEX-PN® Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2015	Conditional (April 2015 Board meeting)	72.97% (Preliminary Data of December 21, 2015)	27/37
2014	Full with Warning (April 2014 Board meeting)	43.37%	36/83
2013	Full	44.59%	33/74
2012	Full	37.50%	15/40
2011	Initial	87.50%	7/8

- Due to the 2012 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 37.50%, the program was required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR). The SSR was received in the Board office in July 2013.
- Although corrective measures to improve candidate success were initiated, the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates continued to be below the 80% benchmark. The program was placed on Full Approval with Warning status at the April 2014 Board meeting.
- Due to the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 44.59%, the program was placed on Conditional Approval status at the April 2015 Board meeting and several conditions and requirements were issued. The program has not been allowed to enroll new students since April 2015.

- Notification to the Board for closing the program was received in the Board office December 21, 2015 (See Attachment #1).
- Currently, sixty-four (64) students are enrolled in the program:

<u>Cohort Graduation Date</u>	<u>Number Enrolled</u>
March 31, 2016	19
July 28, 2016	21
September 22, 2016	19
December 15, 2016	5
- Quest College will retain all permanent educational files indefinitely at its San Antonio, Texas campus.
- The program elected to close the vocational nursing education program. If this decision had not been made, Board Staff would have recommended withdrawal of approval to the Board at the April 2016 meeting based upon four (4) consecutive years of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates falling below 80%.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept the voluntary closure from the Quest College Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, effective January 21, 2016, and impose the conditions/requirements in the attached Board Order (Attachment #2).



December 18, 2015

Katherine Thomas MN RN FAAN
333 Guadalupe - Tower II - Room 225
Austin, TX 78701

Ms. Thomas,

In response to the conference call with the nurse educators this morning, I have submitted by email our request to be on the January 21, 2016 agenda for self closure of our Vocational Nursing Program.

Unfortunately, we were not able to achieve the 80% NCLEX-PN Pass rate for the year 2015. In the last 12 months, we have been able to increase the pass rates from a 2014 rate of 43.9% to a 2015 rate of 72.9%. However, more exciting is seeing the most recent graduates who are completing the program under the new processes achieving an 87% pass rate.

As per the request of the Nurse Educators, the cohorts we are teaching out include:

19 anticipated graduates for 3/31/2016

21 anticipated graduates for 7/28/2016

19 anticipated graduates for 9/22/2016

5 anticipate graduates for 12/15/2016

If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to call me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Zielinski".

Rebecca Zielinski, Director of Nursing

DRAFT LETTER

January 21, 2016

Rebecca Zielinski, RN, Director
Vocational Nursing Education Program
Quest College
5430 Fredericksburg Rd., Suite 310
San Antonio, TX 78229

Dear Ms. Zielinski:

At the January 21, 2016 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the voluntary closure of the Quest College Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to accept the voluntary closure of the Quest College Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, and impose the conditions/requirements in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Board Staff at (512)305-7660 or Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

Copy: Jeanne Martin, Quest College President
Texas Workforce Commission
Council on Occupational Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Quest College
Vocational Nursing Education Program
In San Antonio, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 21, 2016, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the voluntary closure of the Quest College Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, based upon the December 21, 2016 notification from Quest College of its intent to voluntarily close its program; the current approval status of the program; NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates since the program opened in 2010; and the program's history of compliance with 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 214.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials and history of the program, including currently being on conditional status, as well as the presentation by representatives from Quest College in San Antonio, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby ACCEPTS the voluntary CLOSURE of the Quest College Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, and imposes the following conditions/requirements:

1. The program shall submit to the Board no later than March 1, 2016, a plan for teach-out arrangements for all enrolled students, or evidence that all students either have completed the program or other academic provisions have been made; and
2. The program may not reapply for approval of a new proposal for a nursing education program until at least twelve (12) calendar months from the date of this order have elapsed.

Entered this 21st day of January, 2016

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director
On behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing