

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status from Initial Approval to Full Approval  
LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for LeTourneau University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Longview, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2016 and compliance with Rule 215.

**Historical Perspective:**

- The LeTourneau University BSN Program was approved at the July 2014 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of six (6) students in Fall 2014.
- The program has a one hundred twenty-six (126) credit hour curriculum, comprised of general education courses, didactic nursing courses, and skills lab and clinical learning experiences. The BSN program consists of sixty (60) credits in the nursing major taken in the last two (2) years of a four (4)-year university program. The first two (2) years consist of pre-nursing lower division courses. The nursing courses are taught over four (4) academic semesters and one (1) summer semester, which is between the Junior and Senior years.
- A campus visit to LeTourneau University was conducted on June 10, 2014 by Sandi Emerson, MSN, RN.
- The BSN program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Programs accredited by a national nursing accreditation organization are not subject to regular survey visits by Board Staff.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 100% (2/2) and is eligible for full approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status for the LeTourneau University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Longview, Texas from Initial Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2016 and compliance with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER**

January 19, 2017

Kimberly Quiett, DNS, RN, Dean  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program  
LeTourneau University  
2100 South Mobberly Avenue  
Longview, Texas 75602

Dear Dr. Quiett:

At the January 19-20, 2017 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the LeTourneau University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Longview, Texas, based upon review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2016 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 for the LeTourneau University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Longview, Texas, from Initial Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement. The program will be issued a certificate of approval following the January 2017 Board meeting.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board Staff at [susan.lee@bon.texas.gov](mailto:susan.lee@bon.texas.gov) or 512-463-4631.

Sincerely,

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

copy: Dale A. Lunsford, PhD, President, LeTourneau University  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**

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**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

In the Matter of  
LeTourneau University  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program  
In Longview, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 19, 2017, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status for the LeTourneau University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Longview, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2016 and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the LeTourneau University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Longview, Texas from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

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