

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status  
From Initial Approval to Full Approval  
Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

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

**Historical Perspective:**

- The Texas Lutheran University BSN Program was approved at the April 2014 Board meeting and enrolled the first cohort of fifteen (15) students in Fall 2014.
- Kathie Aduddell, EdD, MSN, RN has served as Program Director since the program began.
- The university is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The BSN Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Programs accredited by a national nursing accreditation organization are not subject to regular survey visits by Board Staff.
- The program has a one hundred twenty-four (124) credit hour curriculum, comprised of general education courses, didactic nursing courses, and skills lab and clinical learning experiences. The four (4) semesters of nursing courses include: 570 lecture hours, 225 lab hours, and 765 clinical hours.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 100% (13/13) and is eligible for full approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status for the Texas Lutheran University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Seguin, 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 23, 2017

Kathie Aduddell, EdD, MSN, RN, Director  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program  
Texas Lutheran University  
1000 West Court Street  
Seguin, Texas 78155

Dear Dr. Aduddell:

At the January 19-20, 2017 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status for the Texas Lutheran University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Seguin, 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 Texas Lutheran University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Seguin, 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 [Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov](mailto:Virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov) or 512-305-7660.

Sincerely,

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

copy: Dr. Stuart Dorsey, President, Texas Lutheran 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  
Texas Lutheran University  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program  
In Seguin, 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 Texas Lutheran University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Seguin, 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 Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Texas Lutheran University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Seguin, 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