

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Conditional to Full Approval
Northeast Texas Community College in Mount Pleasant, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the approval status for Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Mount Pleasant, Texas from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon improvements in the program, review of the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, and compliance with Board Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The NTCC in Mt. Pleasant, Texas ADN program began in 1988 in cooperation with Paris Junior College
- In 2014, the Division of Allied Health became the Division of Rural Health Services and Dr. Shannon Cox-Kelley was appointed Dean. Included in this Division are the following programs: ADN, VN, Certified Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Medical Lab Technology, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Certified Medical Assistant, and Coding Specialist.
- In January 2016, Tonya Taylor, MSN, MBA became the Program Director for the ADN program. She is a graduate of the NTCC program and was mentored by the previous director to assume the role. Ms. Taylor completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in May 2017.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past six (6) years are provided in the table below:

Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2017	Conditional Recommend move to Full Approval	89.19%	33/37
2016	Full with Warning	78.38%	29/37
2015	Full	70.59%	24/34
2014	Full	68.75%	22/32
2013	Full	83.87%	26/31
2012	Full	91.30%	21/23

- In the Self-Study Report submitted in 2015, the faculty identified the following areas for improvement:
 - revision of the admission, progression, and remediation policies;
 - revision of faculty orientation to include mentoring of new faculty;

- adoption of the Texas Concept-Based Curriculum (TCBC);
 - provision of faculty training in item writing and test development;
 - developing a simulation curriculum to align with course content;
 - adoption of software to increase test security; and
 - reduction in faculty workload.
- Due to the continuing noncompliance with Rule 215 due to NCLEX-RN® pass rate and areas needing correction, the program was placed on Conditional Approval at the January 2017 Board Meeting.
 - When programs are on Conditional Approval, they are prohibited from enrolling new students.
 - NTCC has made improvements to their program of study over the past two years that have significantly improved the performance of students.

Rationale for Staff Recommendations:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of 89.19% on the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 215. The change of approval status will allow the admission of new students.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status for the North East Texas Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mount Pleasant, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon improvements in the program, review of the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, and compliance with Rule 215 as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

October 27, 2017

Tonya Taylor, MSN, MBA, RN
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
Northeast Texas Community College
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Dear Ms. Taylor:

At the October 26-27, 2017 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status of North East Texas Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mount Pleasant, Texas, based upon the improvements in the program, review of the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the North East Texas Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mount Pleasant, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations on this achievement and the opportunity to move forward.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov or 512-621-5179.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Dr. Brad Johnson, President
Dr. Shannon Cox-Kelley, Dean of Rural Health Services
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Northeast Texas Community College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Mt. Pleasant, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on October 26, 2017, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the Northeast Texas Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mount Pleasant, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon improvements in the program, review of the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from the Northeast Texas Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mount Pleasant, Texas and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of Northeast Texas Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Mt. Pleasant, Texas from CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 26th day of October, 2017

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