

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status from Conditional to Full Approval
 Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing in Abilene, Texas
 Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status for Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing (PHSSN) Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Abilene, 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 PHSSN began in 1997 as a consortium nursing program among Abilene Christian University, Hardin-Simmons University, and McMurray University, three Christian universities in Abilene, Texas.
- Abilene Christian University left the consortium and established a separate BSN program in 2013.
- Sheila Garland, EdD, RN joined PHSSN on July 11, 2016 as Interim Director to provide leadership to a program on Conditional Approval. She was promoted to Dean of PHSSN effective July 15, 2017.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past five (5) years are included in the table below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2017	Conditional Recommend move to Full Approval	92.00%	23/25
2016	Full with Warning	77.14%	27/35
2015	Full	75.00%	42/56
2014	Full	69.05%	58/84
2013	Full	83.93%	47/56

- In the Self-Study Report submitted in 2015, the faculty identified the following areas for correction:
 - revision of the admission, readmission, and progression criteria;
 - change policy to require mandatory remediation;
 - review and revise faculty orientation and training;
 - ensure rigor across the curriculum;
 - establish training and interrater reliability in grading processes;
 - develop consistency in the use of a test plan and blueprints;
 - provide faculty training in test item development and analysis;

- review and revise the Total Program Evaluation Plan to improve effectiveness; and
- standardize care plan grading and evaluation of students in the clinical area.
- Due to the continuing decline of the NCLEX-RN® pass rate and areas needing correction to comply with Rule 215, 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.
- PHSSN has made quality improvements to their program of study over the past two years that have significantly improved the performance of students.

Rationale for Staff Recommendation:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of 92.00% 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 Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing in Abilene, 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

Sheila Garland, EdD, RN, Dean
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
2149 Hickory Street
Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear Dr. Garland:

At the October 26-27, 2017 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, 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 Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program 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 Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

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

copy: Dr. Sandra Harper, President, McMurry University
Eric I. Bruntmyer, JD, President, Hardin-Simmons University
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Abilene, 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 Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the 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 Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas from CONDITIONAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 27th day of October, 2017

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