

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval
Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for Brazosport College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN), in Lake Jackson, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The ADN Program at Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Texas was approved by the Board on July 17, 2008.
- Karen Loraine Rowland, MSN, RN, CEN, has served as Program Director since July 2015.
- 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	Full with Warning	94.12%	16/17
2016	Full	74.19%	23/31
2015	Full	75.00%	24/32
2014	Full	85.71%	24/28
2013	Full	70.59%	24/34

- Due to the 2015 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 75.00%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) that would evaluate factors that may have contributed to the graduates' performance on the NCLEX-RN® examination and a description of the corrective measures to be implemented.
- The 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 74.19% and the approval status of the program was changed from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning at the January 2017 Board meeting.
- The faculty had identified factors that may have contributed to the decline in the pass rate in the SSR and implemented the following corrective measures that led to successful outcomes for 2017:
 - Involving faculty in student selection during admission process;
 - Reviewing and revising policies related to admission, readmission, and progression of students; and ensuring adherence to policies;
 - Implementing measures to retain faculty: promoting collaboration among faculty; engaging faculty in decision-making at regular faculty meetings; supporting faculty

- development; establishing agreement among faculty about grading policies for classroom and clinical experiences;
- Providing simulation experiences that relate to simultaneous didactic content;
 - Ensuring integration of the *Differentiated Essential Competencies* throughout the curriculum;
 - Incorporating the NCLEX® Test Plan into the curriculum review;
 - Reviewing text books for adequacy and currency;
 - Reviewing and revising the curriculum;
 - Re-evaluating the use of standardized examinations;
 - Seeking additional clinical sites;
 - Effectively using the Total Program Evaluation Plan; and
 - Planning measures to deal with faculty stress.
- Board Staff conducted a survey visit to Brazosport College on July 11-12, 2017. The Survey Report was approved at the October 2017 Board Meeting.

Rationale for Recommendations:

The program has demonstrated a pass rate for first-time candidates of 94.12%, has received commendations for the pass rate, and is in full compliance with Rule 215.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of the Brazosport College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Lake Jackson, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215 as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

Agenda Item: 3.2.6.a.
Attachment #1
Board Meeting: January 2018

Draft Letter

January 22, 2018

Karen L. Rowland, MSN, RN, CEN, Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
Brazosport College
500 College Dr.
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

Dear Ms. Rowland:

At the January 18-19, 2018 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status for the Brazosport College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Lake Jackson, Texas, based upon 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 Brazosport College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Lake Jackson, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations on this achievement.

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. Millicent Valek, President, Brazosport College
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Brazosport College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Lake Jackson, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 18, 2018, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the Brazosport College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Lake Jackson, 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 2017 and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by the Brazosport College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Lake Jackson, Texas, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status for the Brazosport College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Lake Jackson, Texas from FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 18th day of January, 2018

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