

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status  
 From Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval  
 University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas  
 Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN), in Odessa, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2018 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

**Historical Perspective:**

- The BSN Program at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas was approved by the Board at the April 2013 Board meeting.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates since the program began are included in the table below:

<b>NCLEX Examination Year</b>	<b>BON Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)</b>
2018	Full with Warning – Recommend Full	81.25%	39/48
2017	Full with Warning issued January 2018	64.00%	32/50
2016	Full	67.50% (Self-Study)	27/40
2015	Full	91.67%	11/12
2014	Initial	New program	New program

- Due to the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 67.50%, 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 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate was 64.00% and the approval status of the program was changed from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning at the January 2018 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 2018:
  - Develop strategies to improve student attendance in classes;
  - Evaluate student performance on standardized examinations;
  - Implement NCLEX student success plan;
  - Maintain a data base of student grades for quality improvement in courses;

- Implement weekly reviews and remediation activities;
  - Ensure that faculty are knowledgeable about policies and enforce their consistent use;
  - Provide test construction workshops for faculty; and
  - Document program data for each faculty meeting.
- The program has held national nursing accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education since February 2015.

**Rationale for Recommendations:**

The program has demonstrated a 2018 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for first-time candidates of 81.25% and is in full compliance with Rule 215.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Odessa, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the 2018 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215 as indicated in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

Draft Letter

January 28, 2019

Minerva Gonzales, DNP, RN-BC, NE-BC, Interim Dean  
School of Nursing  
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Dear Dr. Gonzales:

At the January 24-25, 2019 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Odessa, Texas, based upon the 2018 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 University of Texas of the Permian Basin Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Odessa, 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](mailto:Janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov) or 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

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

Copy: Dr. Sandra Woodley, President  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**

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**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

In the Matter of  
University of Texas of the Permian Basin  
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program  
In Odessa, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 24, 2019, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Odessa, 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 2018 and compliance with Rule 215.

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

Entered this 24th day of January, 2019

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