

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**  
**3.2.3.a. EDUCATION GUIDELINE**  
**Criteria for Conducting Survey Visits**

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Rule 214.4 sets forth the requirements for survey visits in vocational nursing education programs. Rule 215.4 sets forth the requirements for survey visits in pre-licensure professional nursing education programs (diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or entry-level master's degree).

<p>Rule 214.4(c)(4) related to <u>Approval</u> requires that "Each vocational nursing education program shall be visited at least every six (6) years after full approval has been granted, unless accredited by a Board recognized national nursing accrediting agency. (A) Board Staff may conduct a survey visit at any time based upon Board Education Guideline 3.2.3.a. Criteria for Conducting Survey Visits."</p>	<p>Rule 215.4(c)(4) related to <u>Approval</u> requires that "Each professional nursing education program shall be visited at least every six (6) years after full approval has been granted, unless accredited by a Board-recognized national nursing accrediting agency. (A) Board Staff may conduct a survey visit at any time based upon Board Education Guideline 3.2.3.a. Criteria for Conducting Survey Visits."</p>
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The established criteria include:

1. Graduates of a nursing education program are disciplined by the Board within one (1) year of graduation;
2. A change in the dean or director of a professional nursing education program or a change in the director or coordinator of a vocational nursing education program;
3. Other conditions as determined by board staff, i.e., complaints from students or faculty regarding a lack of adherence to the Board's rules and/or educational standards, moving the program to a new facility, complaints from community affiliating agencies regarding unsafe practices in the program, significant indications that the program is experiencing difficulties and/or is not meeting requirements of Rule 214 or Rule 215; or
4. A change in ownership or administrative control of a nursing education program that may affect the program of study.

<p>Rule 214.3(a)(3) related to <u>Program Development, Expansion and Closure</u> requires that "Survey visits shall be conducted, as necessary, by staff until full approval status is granted."</p>	<p>Rule 215.3(a)(3) related to <u>Program Development, Expansion and Closure</u> requires that "Survey visits shall be conducted, as necessary, by staff until full approval is granted."</p>
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A nursing education program on initial approval shall be visited at least once before full approval is received.

A nursing education program shall also be visited if either of the following conditions exists:

1. NCLEX-PN® or NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of less than 80% for two consecutive years; or
2. Programs on full approval with warning or conditional approval shall be visited as frequently as needed.

**Note: Please be aware that references to Rule 214 and Rule 215 are not all inclusive.**