

**SURVEY VISIT REPORT  
 COMPUTER CAREER CENTER IN EL PASO, TEXAS  
 VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Consider staff recommendation based on findings of the focused survey visit to Computer Career Center in El Paso, Texas conducted on May 5, 2008.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First-TimeCandidates (Passed/Total)</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Full</b>	<b>94.74% preliminary 1/01/08-6/30/08</b>	<b>18/19</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>Full</b>	<b>84.21%</b>	<b>16/19</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Full Approval granted at April 2007 meeting.</b>	<b>95.24%</b>	<b>20/21</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>14/20</b>

- Computer Career Center Vocational Nursing Program was granted Full Approval by the Board of Nurse Examiners in April, 2007 following graduation of a second cohort of students who achieved 95.24% NCLEX-PN examination results.
- The program relocated from the site of its initial approval in late 2006.
- Board staff conducted a survey visit on May 5, 2008.
- Since Initial Approval of the program (2004) there have been six (6) program directors. The current program director has been in the position since July 2007.

**Summary of Survey Visit**

- The school is located at 7731 North Loop, El Paso, Texas. Ms. Sherrie Shupe, MSN, RN, Program Director, faculty and students were present during the survey visit and provided additional information to Board staff. Faculty and students interviews facilitated the survey

**214.1 General Requirements**

- There was a general awareness of Rule 214. All faculty has taken the on-course on education rules.

**214.3 Program Development, Expansion, and Closure-**

- The program enrolls sixty students per year in March and September

**214.4 Approval -**

- The 2008 NCLEX pass rate for the first quarter is 94.74%.

**214.5 Philosophy/Mission and Objectives/Outcomes -Criteria Met**

**214.6 Administration and Organization-**

- Currently, the program director is responsible for the program in El Paso and a new program opening in New Mexico.
- The director and program director indicate the hire of a program coordinator for the program for El Paso, Texas campus.
- The program director who is in place has completed the on line course orientation but has not attended the second part of the orientation in Austin.

- The program director indicates that they have had 100% faculty turnover since last survey visit in May 2007.

**214.7 Faculty Qualifications and Faculty Organization -**

- The faculty indicate they have been in their positions less than one year.
- The faculty indicate that the program director evaluates them.

**214.8 Students**

- Interview with students reveals concern related to the implementation of a new grading policy after the start of the program. The student can have a passing grade in the course but if their score on a current exam is a failing score then the student is immediately dropped from the course.
- Students indicate the offering of non mandatory tutor classes each Friday.
- Information in the student handbook regarding eligibility for licensure.
- A signed receipt acknowledging the eligibility information is in student file.

**214.9 Program of Study -**

- Syllabi were consistent in format but contains some out dated references.
- The grading scale within the course syllabi differs from the student handbook policy.

**214.10 Management of Clinical Learning Experiences and Resources -**

- The program is commended for the clinical evaluation tools which are leveled, progressive and addresses specific client populations.

**214.11 Facilities, Resources and Services**

- Classroom is not adequate in size for students seating and learning.
- Many library holdings were marked to be pulled but still on the shelves.
- The program utilizes EBSCO Host as internet library.
- Program policy indicates that nursing texts would be separated from other holdings. This has not occurred at the new location.
- Student break area does not have a refrigerator

**214.12 Records and Reports-Criteria Met**

**214.13 Total Program -Criteria Met**

Pros:

- The director and faculty verbalize strong support for the success of the students.
- The 2008 NCLEX-PN preliminary pass rate for 1/01/08 to 6/30/08 is 94.74%.

Cons:

- The program director has completed the BON on-line orientation course, but did not attend the scheduled BON orientation session in Austin, Texas on April 25, 2008.
- Board staff observed overcrowding conditions/seating arrangements in the classroom for student learning.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board, accept the report of the survey visit and issue the commendation, recommendation and requirements to be met as indicated in the attached letter.

**DRAFT LETTER**

July 21, 2008

Sherie Shupe, MSN, RN, Director  
Vocational Nursing Educational Program  
Computer Career Center  
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Dear Ms. Shupe:

At the July 17-18, 2008 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) considered the report of the focused survey visit to the Computer Career Center Vocational Nursing Educational Program in El Paso, Texas. It was the decision of the Board accept the findings of the survey visit and issue the following Commendation, Recommendations and Requirements to be met:

Commendation:

The director and faculty verbalize strong support for the success of the students.

Recommendation:

Revise/implement changes in program grading policy before the student is admitted into the program.

Requirements:

1. Rule 214.6 (g) related to Administration and Organization requires that a newly appointed director or coordinator of a vocational nursing program shall attend the next scheduled orientation by the board staff. The program director has completed the BON on-line orientation course, but did not attend the scheduled BON orientation session in Austin, Texas on April 25, 2008. **Therefore**, the program director shall attend the next scheduled orientation session at the Board offices in Austin, Texas.
2. Rule 214.11(a) related to Facilities, Resources, and Services requires that classrooms and nursing skills laboratory facilities shall be provided to accommodate the learning needs of the students. Board staff observed the overcrowding conditions of the classroom for student learning. **Therefore**, the school administration and directors are strongly urged to implement a plan/remodeling for adequate seating accommodations for the students in the classroom. Further, the remodeling plan of the building should be considered a priority.

Recommendations are suggestions based upon program assessment indirectly related to the rules to which the program must respond but in a method of their choosing.

Requirements are mandatory criteria based on program assessments directly related to the rule that shall be addressed in the manner prescribed. If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7658 or [dorothy.joy@bon.state.tx.us](mailto:dorothy.joy@bon.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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