

**Consideration of Change of Approval Status from Full to Full with Warning
Lamar State College in Port Arthur, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Lamar State College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Port Arthur, Texas, based upon the review of the 2011 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, the 2010 Nursing Educational Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and Board Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The Lamar State College - Port Arthur LVN to RN, Upward Mobility Associate Degree Nursing Education Program began operation in 1995.
- In 2011, the program was directed to complete a self-study due to a 66.67% (26/39) NCLEX-RN® pass rate for 2010. The report was received in the Board office on June 16, 2011.
- The comprehensive self-study identified factors which contributed to the low pass rate and included a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The majority of factors identified centered around student issues including test anxiety, poor study habits, and language barriers. Curricular issues were briefly addressed as well.
- Even though the program has been implementing corrective measures to improve graduates' success, the 2011 pass rate was 78.08% (57/73).
- The program was required to conduct a self-study in 2008 due to a 75% (27/36) NCLEX® pass rate. The factors identified in the 2008 report are similar to factors identified in the 2011 self-study report.
- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past five (5) years:

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2011	Full	78.08%	57/73
2010	Full	67.67%	26/39
2009	Full	96.00%	24/25
2008	Full	86.49%	32/37
2007	Full	75.00%	27/36

PROS AND CONS:

Pros:

- The program conducted a comprehensive self-study in 2011 and identified factors which may have contributed to the low pass rate. Factors identified included students with test anxiety, poor study habits, and language barriers, as well as curricular issues.
- Based upon the results of the self-study, the program has implemented corrective measures including various retention strategies, as well as a redistribution of course content.

Cons:

- Despite corrective actions taken by the program, the 2011 NCLEX-RN® pass rate was 78.08%.
- Contributing factors to the low pass rates identified in the 2011 self-study report are similar to those identified in the 2008 report.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of Lamar State College - Port Arthur, Texas Associate Degree Nursing Education Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorize Board staff to conduct a survey visit as indicated in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 23, 2012

Janet Hamilton, MSN, RN, Director
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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

At the January 19-20, 2012 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Lamar State College - Port Arthur Associate Degree Nursing Program based on Board staff's report regarding review of the 2011 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, the 2010 NEPIS, and compliance with Board Rule 215. Members of the Board wish to thank you for being present at the meeting to answer questions.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Lamar State College - Port Arthur Associate Degree Nursing Education Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorize a survey visit in 2012. Board staff will contact you to schedule the survey visit.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board staff at (512) 463-4631.

Sincerely,

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