

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval
 Dallas Nursing Institute
 Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in the program approval status of Dallas Nursing Institute Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Dallas, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the review of the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and program compliance with Rule 214.

Historical Perspective:

- The Dallas Nursing Institute (DNI) Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program has been in operation since 1991.
- DNI was initially accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) in 1999, with current ABHES accreditation through December 2016.
- Patricia Perryman, MSN, RN has served as the VN Program director since April 2009 and meets all qualifications set forth by Board Rule 214.6. Administration and Organization.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past five (5) years are provided in the table below:

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2013	Pending	88.50%	254/287
2012	Full with Warning	74.69% (Requirements)	360/482
2011	Full	79.48%(Self-Study)	275/346
2010	Full	80.11%	286/357
2009	Full	87.12%	284/326

- Due to the 79.48% pass rate on the 2011 NCLEX-PN® examination, the program was required to submit a Self-Study Report that evaluated factors contributing to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- Although corrective measures were initiated, the 2012 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 74.69%.
- Following student complaints, Board staff conducted a focused survey visit to the program on April 26, 2011.
- At the October 26-27, 2011 Board meeting, members of the Board voted to restrict the number of new students admitted to the VN program to fifty (50) students per quarterly enrollment period to ensure that clinical learning experiences were adequate and appropriate to accommodate the learning needs of all students.
- At the April 18-19, 2013 Board meeting, the approval status of the DNI VN Education Program was changed from Full to Full with Warning and a survey visit was authorized for spring 2013.
- The survey visit was conducted on June 20, 2013 and reported at the October 2013 BON meeting.
- At the October 17-18, 2013 Board meeting, a requirement that the director and faculty shall review all curriculum documents to ensure consistency in the application of the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) and shall submit revised documents to Board staff by December 31, 2013 was issued.
- On the 2013 NEPIS, the program reported an enrollment of one hundred eighty-seven (187) students

with two hundred eighty-seven (287) graduates for the 2012-2013 academic year.

- The number of faculty reported on the 2013 NEPIS was sixteen (16) full-time and three (3) part-time faculty. The enrollment cap was cited as a barrier to recruiting faculty.
- The program admits four (4) cohorts each year with a capacity of fifty (50) students per cohort.

Pros and Cons:

Pros:

- The NCLEX PN® pass rate for 2013 is 88.5%.
- The VN program submitted a Self-Study Report to the BON for the 2012-2013 academic year and has implemented the corrective measures as outlined in the study.
- The VN program fulfilled the requirement stipulated by the BON after the October 2013 meeting to review all curriculum documents to ensure consistency in the application of the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs)

Cons:

- None noted.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program's NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate is above 80% and the program is in compliance with Rule 214.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of Dallas Nursing Institute Vocational Education Nursing Program in Dallas, Texas from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval. (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

April 18, 2014

Patricia Perryman, MSN, RN, Director
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Dear Ms. Perryman:

At the April, 2014 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Dallas Nursing Institute, Vocational Nursing Education Program, based upon a review of the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, review of the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and compliance with Board Rule 214.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Dallas Nursing Institute Vocational Nursing Education Program from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board Staff at gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov or (512) 305-8101.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)
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