

**Consideration of the Voluntary Closure of a Nursing Education Program  
Anamarc College in El Paso, Texas  
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider the notification received from Anamarc College (Anamarc) in El Paso, Texas, to close its vocational nursing (VN) education program, effective July 1, 2014.

**Historical Perspective:**

- The Anamarc VN program has been in operation since 2006.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates since the program began have been commendable.
- Program Director Troy Palmer, MSN, RN submitted a notification form of closing to the Texas Board of Nursing, establishing July 1, 2014 as the date of closure and financial instability as the reason for closure.
- Notification to the Board for closing the program was received in the Board office July 2, 2014 (See Attachment #1).
- At the time of closing, Anamarc was approved by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and nationally accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).
- Academic provisions for current students were not formalized at the time of closing and the notification document set forth that Anamarc was working with other schools to develop a teach-out plan.
- The number of students enrolled in the Anamarc VN Education Program in El Paso on July 1, 2014 was identified by Dr. Ana Pina-Houde, Anamarc owner and president, as 251 enrollees.
- Anamarc also offered an associate degree nursing education program in Santa Teresa, New Mexico that was approved by the New Mexico (NM) Board of Nursing (BON).
- On July 1, 2014 Anamarc unexpectedly ceased operation of all campuses.
- Board staff has communicated frequently with representatives from TWC, the NM BON, and ACICS in an effort to assist Anamarc VN students.
- Anamarc VN students have enrolled in the Vista College VN Program in El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Career Point College VN Program in San Antonio, Texas.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to accept the voluntary closure from Anamarc College in El Paso, Texas, effective July 1, 2014.

<b>TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING NOTIFICATION FORM CLOSING A NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR AN EXTENSION SITE/CAMPUS</b>	
<b>NAME OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM</b>	Program Code: 27- <u>117</u>
<b>TYPE OF PROGRAM</b>	Vocational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>NAME OF DEAN/DIRECTOR</b>	Troy J. Palmer, RN, MSN Phone No: (915)790-9478 cell      Email: tjpalmer@anamarc.edu
<b>LOCATION OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION SITE/CAMPUS</b>	3210 Dyer Street El Paso, TX 79930
<b>REASON FOR CLOSURE</b>	<b>BRIEFLY DESCRIBE:</b> Financial instability.
<b>DATE OF CLOSURE</b>	1 July 2014
<b>ACADEMIC PROVISIONS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OR EXTENSION PROGRAM</b>	<b>BRIEFLY DESCRIBE:</b> We are working with other schools to develop a teach out plan.
<b>PROVISIONS FOR ACCESS TO AND SAFE STORAGE OF VITAL SCHOOL RECORDS</b>	<b>BRIEFLY DESCRIBE:</b> All record remain secured at school. The point of contact is Ana Maria Pina Houde, Ph D, CEO
<b>METHODS TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS UNTIL THE PROGRAM CLOSES</b>	<b>BRIEFLY DESCRIBE:</b> All classes are closed.
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>DATE:</b>

\*Please attach additional pages if needed.

Date Presented at Board Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_