

**Consideration of Change of Approval Status from Initial to Full Approval
Cisco College in Abilene, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Cisco College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Abilene, Texas, based upon the review of the 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The Cisco College ADN program was approved by the Board in April 2013.
- The program is an LVN-to-ADN mobility program.
- Cisco College worked collaboratively with Texas Tech University in Abilene, Texas in the design of this program. The program prepares graduates for readiness to enter a BSN program.
- The ADN program was designed to be completed in twelve (12) months (three semesters) and is based on the concept-based curriculum developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Innovative Grant Project. Cisco College is the first program in the state to use the second year of the concept-based curriculum. The faculty at Cisco College developed the courses based upon the approved two year concept-based curriculum. Their success using a concept-based curriculum provides some initial evidence of the effectiveness of this approach.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 88.89% (16/18) and is eligible for full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of Cisco College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas from initial to full approval (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 26, 2015

Pearl Merritt, EdD, MS, MSN, RN, FAAN, Director
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Cisco College
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Dear Dr. Merritt:

At the January 22-23, 2015 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Cisco College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas, based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2014 and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Cisco College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas, from Initial to Full Approval and impose the condition/requirement in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

copy: Bobby Smith, President, Cisco College

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
Cisco College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
Abilene, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 22, 2015, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the Cisco College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupation Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2014 and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by Cisco College in Abilene, Texas, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of Cisco College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas, from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL and imposes the following condition/requirement:

1. Board Staff will conduct a survey visit to Cisco College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Abilene, Texas, in 2015.

Entered this 22nd day of January, 2015

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director
On Behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing