

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN APPROVAL STATUS
BASED ON THE NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION PASS RATES FOR THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS
HILL COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider proposed change of the approval status from Initial to Full for the Hill College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based on the preliminary NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the first graduating class.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

YEAR	Approval Status	Enrollment	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First- Time Candidates Who Tested (Passed/Total)
2006	Initial	30	Preliminary 88.24%	15/17

- On April 20, 2006, the Board granted approval for Hill College to establish a professional nursing education program, granted Initial approval and classes began in May 2006 with an enrollment of 30 students.
- Board staff last conducted a site visit in March 2006.
- The program has appropriately addressed all previous Board-issued requirements.
- The program's first class of eighteen (18) graduated in May 2007 and began taking the NCLEX-RN® examination in May 2007.
- Currently, seventeen (17) of the eighteen (18) graduates have tested and fifteen (15) have passed the NCLEX-RN®.
- Even if the one (1) remaining graduate takes the NCLEX-RN® in 2007 and does not pass, the program's pass rate will be 83.3%.
- On July 2, 2007, the program formally requested that the Board review the program's pass rate on the first graduating class and consider moving the program's approval status from Initial to Full.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros-

- Preliminary 88.24% pass rate on the 2007 NCLEX-RN® examination.
- Even if the one (1) remaining graduate takes the NCLEX-RN® in 2007 and does not pass, the program's pass rate will be 83.3%.
- The program has appropriately addressed all previous Board issued requirements, as they were addressed prior to the first student enrollment.

Cons-

None noted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to change the approval status from Initial to Full for the Hill College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the first graduating class, as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment One).

DRAFT LETTER

July 23, 2007

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Dear Dr. Boyd:

At the July 19-20, 2007 meeting, members of the Board of Nurse Examiners discussed the approval status of the Hill College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program and the program's preliminary NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the first graduating class. The members of the Board wish to thank [] for being available to answer questions.

Based on the discussion and review of the documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status from Initial to Full for the Hill College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program.

Congratulations on the success of the program. If you have questions, or if we may be of assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7660.

Sincerely,

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