

**NOTIFICATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE AT WHARTON  
 WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE AT RICHMOND**

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
<b>Wharton County Junior College VN Program at Wharton</b>	2006	Full	100%	21/21
	2005	Full	100%	23/23
	2004	Full	100 %	20/20
<b>Wharton County Junior College VN Program at Richmond</b>	2006	Full	100%	15/15
	2005	Full	95%	19/20
	2004	Full	100%	21/21

- The vocational program at Richmond was originated as the Polly Ryan School of Vocational Nursing in 1958.
- WCJC assumed responsibility of the program at Richmond in 1978.
- Students enrolled at the program at Richmond are targeted to graduate on August 10, 2007
- The vocational program at Wharton evolved from a combination of the Bay City Independent School District School of Nursing and Wharton County Junior College.
- In 1997, the Bay City program was closed and the program was moved to the Wharton main campus.
- WCJC College Administration has decided to consolidate Richmond and Wharton sites to refocus the number of students allocated to the RN and VN programs.
- At the program's request, the targeted date for consolidation and implementation is August 27, 2007.
- Consolidation will be complete including notification to the National Council State Boards of Nursing by August 27. 2007.

**SUMMARY:**

- Consolidation will be effective August 27, 2007.
- Previous Program Code for WCJC VN program at Richmond will be deactivated.
- Program Code for WCJC VN Program at Wharton will be the only Program Code utilized.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** No Board action required. This notification is for information purposes only.

July 23, 2007

Dr. Tye Pate  
Vice President of Instruction  
Wharton County Junior College  
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Wharton, Texas 77488

Dear Dr. Pate:

At the July 19-20, 2007 meeting, the members of the Board of Nurse Examiners discussed the request from Wharton County Junior College to consolidate its Vocational Nursing Education Programs at Richmond and Wharton into one program.

Based upon the discussion, it was the decision of the Board to approve the consolidation of the Vocational Nursing Education Program at Richmond into one program at Wharton effective August 27, 2007. The program code for the one program will be 27-191 and the other program code will be discontinued effective August 27, 2007. Students currently at Richmond are scheduled to graduate August 10, 2007. Any students who take the NCLEX-PN exam after the closure date shall use the one program code.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-7658.

Sincerely,

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President

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