

**Proposed Change of Program Approval Status
Based on Review of NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate, Compliance with Rule 214, and National
Nursing Accreditation**

Del Mar College Multiple Entry/Exit Program (MEEP) in Corpus Christi, Texas

Summary of Request:

Consider proposed change of approval status from Initial to Full for Del Mar College MEEP Program in Corpus Christi, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program based upon review of the 2009 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, Compliance with Rule 214, and accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC).

Historical Perspective:

- Del Mar College has a long history of providing both successful vocational nursing (VN) and associate degree nursing (ADN) education.
- Del Mar College's vocational nursing program started in September 1948, and the associate degree program started in September 1967.
- At the July 2006 Board meeting a MEEP Program was approved to begin offering an option to students in the associate degree nursing program to complete additional course work for eligibility to take the NCLEX-PN® examination.
- Most programs labeled "MEEP" provide an early option to associate degree nursing students to complete extra course work at a point in the two year program and apply to take the NCLEX- PN® examination. Students choose this option to allow them to work as licensed vocational nurses while completing the professional nursing program.
- Since this option began, eight (8) students have enrolled in this option, completed the required courses, and passed the NCLEX-PN® examination.
- NLNAC surveyed the associate degree nursing program in January 26-28, 2010, for reaccreditation. NLNAC considers options such as this MEEP option as a part of the associate degree program and included a review of this track during this visit.
- Since students completing the MEEP option take the VN examination, this option is considered a separate VN program by the BON and is still on initial approval.
- The program is requesting a move to full BON approval.

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates Who Tested (Passed/Total)
2008	Initial	100%	2/2
2009	Initial	100%	6/6

Pros and Cons:

Pros:

- The MEEP option was considered in the NLNAC survey visit.
- The program has complied with all previously issued Board requirements.

Cons:

- None noted

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the program approval status of Del Mar College Nursing Multiple Entry/Exit Program from Initial to Full Approval based on review of the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2009, compliance with Rule 214, and accreditation by NLNAC as noted in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

July 23, 2010

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Dear Dr. Almenderaz:

At the July 22-23, 2010 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) considered the approval status of the Del Mar College Nursing Multiple Entry/Exit Program (MEEP) in Corpus Christi, Texas based on the 2009 NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate, compliance with Rule 214, and pending reaccreditation by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC). The Board wishes to thank you for being present to answer questions.

Based upon the review, it was the decision of the Texas BON to move the Del Mar College Nursing Multiple Entry/Exit Program (MEEP) approval status from Initial to Full Approval. The Board wishes to congratulate Del Mar College Nursing Department on the successes of the past two years.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board staff by phone at 513.463.4631 or by e-mail at robin.caldwell@bon.state.tx.us

Sincerely,

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