

**Petition for Waiver of Interim Dean/Director Qualifications
San Jacinto College South in Houston, Texas
Licensed Vocational Nurse/Paramedic to Associate Degree Nursing
Mobility Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the petition from San Jacinto College South in Houston, Texas, to approve the waiver of the required interim dean/director qualifications on behalf of Karen E. Alexander, PhD, RN and the recommendation from the Education Liaison Committee (ELC).

Historical Perspective:

- San Jacinto College South offers a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)/Paramedic to Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Mobility Program, established in 1995.
- San Jacinto College South is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission through 2016.
- Ms. Lucile McGahey resigned as the Interim Director of San Jacinto College South Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Paramedic to Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Mobility Nursing Education Program in May 2011.
- Karen Malloy, MSN, RN, Interim Dean of the Health Science Division, San Jacinto College South submitted a petition for waiver of director qualifications regarding the appointment of Karen E. Alexander, PhD, RN to serve as Interim Director of the LVN Paramedic to ADN Mobility Nursing Education Program.
- All required documents, credentials, and transcripts for Dr. Alexander were received and reviewed by Board staff.
- The petition for waiver of Interim Dean/Director Qualifications for Dr. Alexander to be approved as the Interim Director of the LVN/Paramedic to AND Mobility Program at San Jacinto College South was referred to the ELC for review as Rule 215.6(f)(4) requires that the dean or director shall have a minimum of three years teaching experience in a professional nursing education program.
- Members of the Education Liaison Committee reviewed the documents and recommended approval of the petition.

Pros and Cons:

Pros-

- Dr. Alexander has four years teaching experience in a vocational nursing education program and one year teaching experience in a professional nursing education program.
- Dr. Alexander meets all requirements of Rule 215.6(f) except the minimum three years teaching experience in a professional nursing program.
- Dr. Alexander has a PhD in Nursing and teaching experience in both vocational and professional nursing education as Dr. Alexander has served as a nursing faculty member at San Jacinto College South since 2005.
- Karen Malloy, MSN, RN, Interim Dean of the Health Science Division, will mentor Dr. Alexander as Ms. Malloy has experience in the Director role and offices on the same campus as Dr. Alexander.

Cons-

- The 2010 NCLEX-RN pass rate for the program was 70.15%.

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates Passed/Total
2010	Full	70.15%	47/67
2009	Full	90.74%	49/54
2008	Full	91.43%	32/35
2007	Full	84.62%	55/65
2006	Full	80.95%	51/63

ELC Recommendation:

Members of the ELC voted to unanimously recommend approval of the petition for waiver of dean/director qualifications for Karen E. Alexander, PhD, RN as Interim Director of the San Jacinto College South LVN/ Paramedic to ADN Mobility Nursing Education Program.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to approve the petition for waiver regarding the appointment of Karen E. Alexander, PhD, RN as Interim Director of the San Jacinto College South LVN Paramedic to ADN Mobility Nursing Education Program as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

July 26, 2011

Karen Malloy, MSN, RN
Interim Dean of the Health Science Division
San Jacinto College South
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Dear Ms. Malloy:

This letter is to notify you that the request regarding petition for waiver of director qualifications of Karen E. Alexander, PhD, RN as Interim Director of the San Jacinto College South LVN Paramedic to ADN Mobility Nursing Education Program was discussed at the July 21-22, 2011 meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing. Based upon the discussion and the recommendation from the Education Liaison Committee of the Board, it was the decision of the Board to approve the petition for waiver and to ratify the appointment of Karen E. Alexander, PhD, RN as Interim Director of the San Jacinto College South LVN Paramedic to ADN Mobility Nursing Education Program.

Be assured that Board staff is available to assist Dr. Alexander as she assumes her new role of Interim Director. If additional information or clarification is needed, please contact Board staff at (512) 305-7660.

Sincerely,

Kristin K. Benton, MSN, RN
President

Virginia D. Ayars, MS, RN
Nursing Consultant for Education

cc: Karen E. Alexander, PhD, RN, Interim Director, San Jacinto College South LVN Paramedic to ADN Mobility Nursing Education Program