

**Consideration for Change in Approval Status from Conditional to Full Approval
University of Houston-Victoria in Sugar Land, Texas
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the recommendation to change the approval status from Conditional to Full Approval for the University of Houston-Victoria (UH-V) Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program in Sugar Land, Texas.

Historical Perspective:

- The Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program at the UH-V campus in Sugar Land was approved by the Board at the July 2008 meeting.
- The program is a second degree professional nursing program designed for students who have a bachelor's degree in another discipline.
- The program's approval status was changed from initial to initial with warning at the January 2011 Board meeting.
- The program's approval status was changed to conditional at the January 2012 Board meeting.
- The program petitioned for a change in approval status from Conditional Approval at the April 2012 Board meeting based upon their projected 2012 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate.
- The Board denied this petition in order to maintain consistency with decisions made about other programs before the end of the examination year.

- The NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates for the past three years:

Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2012	Pending	93.33%	42/45
2011	Conditional	63.89%	23/36
2010	Initial with Warning	28.57%	2/7
2009	Initial	77.78%	7/9

Pros and Cons:

Pros:

- The program has made significant changes in the admission process and this has greatly improved the performance of the graduates as seen in the NCLEX pass rate.

Cons:

- No cons have been identified.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status from Conditional to Full Approval for the Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program at the University of Houston-Victoria in Sugar Land, Texas (see draft letter in the Attachment).

DRAFT LETTER

October 22, 2012

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Dear Dr. Tart:

At the October 18-19, 2012 Board of Nursing meeting, the Board members discussed the 2012 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for the Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program at the University of Houston Victoria in Sugar Land, Texas. The Board members wish to thank you for being present to answer questions. It was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the program from Conditional to Full Approval based upon the pass rate and measures taken by the program to improve the performance of the graduates. Additionally, the BSN Second Degree Program is commended for the 2012 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 93.33%.

Congratulations and best wishes for continuing success of the program.

If Board Staff may be of assistance or if you have questions, please contact Staff at janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

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