

**Consideration of Request to Establish an Extension Site/Campus
Midland College in Fort Stockton, Texas - Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

In view of the withdrawal of Board approval for the Midland College Vocational Nursing (VN) program in Midland on the main campus, the VN program at Fort Stockton is petitioning to apply to establish an extension site in Midland. Board Staff have the authority to approve applications to establish extension sites/campuses for nursing programs on full approval, but Board Staff request Board consideration in this instance since the situation is out of the ordinary.

Background of the Request:

During the February 27, 2013, meeting between Board Staff and representatives from Midland College to discuss the approval status of the Midland College VN program in Midland, Midland College representatives questioned the possibility of the Fort Stockton program establishing an extension site at the main campus in Midland.

The two Midland College VN programs in Midland and in Fort Stockton have operated independently, but have collaborated in providing the nursing courses through technology (interactive television). The two programs recently use the same curriculum and plan of instruction, with faculty at the Midland campus providing the majority of the didactic instruction. Midland is requesting to establish an extension of the Fort Stockton program in Midland in order to:

1. continue to use the instructional format and faculty in place;
2. provide direction from the Fort Stockton campus as a successful program; and
3. continue to access simulation resources on the main campus.

The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for the Fort Stockton program has generally been between 80% and 100% for their small number of graduates at that site. Measures implemented at the Midland main campus site to improve student success are also being implemented in Fort Stockton.

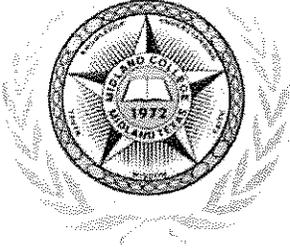
Board rules do not preclude the establishment of an extension site by a program on full approval, but in order for the intent of the rule to be followed, Board Staff have determined that there must be final closure of the program in Midland before an extension for the Fort Stockton program may begin.

Rationale for Staff Recommendation:

Midland College Vocational Nursing Program in Fort Stockton has requested permission (See Attachment #1) to establish an extension campus/site in Midland on the main campus to facilitate the continuation of the collaborative teaching arrangement between the two sites. Board Staff have determined that this is not in violation of Rule 214, but that an extension should not be established until all students from the Midland College VN program have graduated from the program and the program has been deemed fully closed. The application shall follow Rule 214.3(b) and information required in the Board Education Guideline 3.1.2.a. Initiating or Reactivating an Extension Nursing Program. Approval will be based upon compliance with all requirements in the application to establish an extension site/campus.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to allow Midland College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Fort Stockton to file an application for an extension site in Midland that will not be established until the date of final closure of the VN Program at that site/campus. Further, move to impose the requirements as indicated in the attached order (See Attachment #2.)



Midland College

March 7, 2013

Dr. Janice Hooper
Texas Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe #3-460
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Dr. Hooper:

In view of the likelihood of Board action to withdraw approval of the Midland College VN Program in Midland, the administration of Midland College requests permission from the Board of Nursing for the Midland College Fort Stockton VN Program to apply to establish an extension site on the Midland College main campus in Midland following the official closure of the VN Program at that site. This would allow Midland College to enroll one cohort at the proposed Fort Stockton extension site in Midland in the Fall of 2013 to facilitate the collaborative teaching arrangement between the Midland and Fort Stockton campuses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rex Peebles'.

Rex Peebles, Ph.D.
Vice President of Instruction

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DRAFT LETTER

April 18, 2013

Rex Peebles, PhD
Vice President of Instruction
Midland College
3600 North Garfield
Midland, TX 79705

Dear Dr. Peebles:

At the April 18-19, 2013 meeting, the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the request from Midland College for the Vocational Nursing (VN) Program in Fort Stockton to establish an extension site/campus in Midland on the main campus following the closure of the Midland campus VN program. The Board wishes to thank you and for being present to answer questions.

After much deliberation, the Board has decided to allow the Midland College VN Program in Fort Stockton to file an application for an extension site in Midland to be established after the date of program closure of the current program and contingent upon the restrictions/requirements in the Attached Board Order.

If you have questions, please contact board staff at janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

Kathy Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP
President of the Board

Janice I. Hooper, PhD, RN, FRE
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Darla Poole, BSN, RN, VN Program Director

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of:
Midland College
Vocational Nursing Education Program
in Midland, Texas

ORDER OF THE BOARD

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on April 18, 2013, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the request from Midland College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Fort Stockton, Texas, to establish an extension site/campus in Midland, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214.

Board members in attendance were: Kathy Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP; Nina Almasy, MSN, RN; Deborah Hughes Bell, CLU, ChFC; Patti Clapp, BA; Tamara Cowen, MN, RN; Sheri Denise Crosby, JD, SPHR; Marilyn J. Davis, RN, BSN, MPA; Richard Robert Gibbs, LVN; Josefina Lujan, PhD, RN; Kathy Leader-Horn, LVN; Mary LeBeck, MSN, RN; and Beverly Jean Nutall, LVN.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from Midland College in Fort Stockton, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby PERMITS the Midland College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Fort Stockton, Texas, to file an application to establish an extension site in Midland, Texas, that may begin following the closure of the VN program on that site and hereby imposes the following conditions/requirements:

1. The program in Fort Stockton may submit an application to establish an extension site/campus at Midland College in Midland, Texas, but the extension site may not begin until after all students have graduated from the VN program in Midland, and the program has been deemed fully closed.
2. The application to establish an extension site/campus in Midland shall follow Board Education Guideline 3.1.2.a. Initiating or Reactivating an Extension Nursing Education Program.
3. All information in the application shall be complete and comply with Rule 214 in order to be approved.

Entered this 18th day of April, 2013

Kathy Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP
President of the Board