

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval  
Kaplan School of Nursing in Corpus Christi, Texas  
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of Kaplan School of Nursing Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Corpus Christi, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval based upon the review of the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, review of the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and compliance with Rule 214.

**Historical Perspective:**

- Kaplan College VN Program in Corpus Christi, Texas, was approved by the Board in February 2007 when it began in Career Centers of Texas.
- The table provides the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for each year in operation:

<b>Exam Year</b>	<b>BON Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)</b>
2013	Full with Warning – Survey Visit	81.69%	58/71
2012	Full with Warning – Survey Visit	83.87%	52/62
2011	Conditional	74.12%	63/85
2010	Full with Warning	70.67%	53/75
2009	Full – Self Study Report	73.91%	17/23
2008	Full	100%	23/23

- After the program was placed on Conditional approval at the April 2012 Board meeting, newly enrolled students were not allowed.
- The program's approval status was moved from Conditional approval to Full with Warning at the January 2013 Board meeting to allow the program to enroll new students.
- The program had a survey visit on June 27, 2013, conducted by a contracted program evaluator and the Board issued one (1) requirement and two (2) recommendations at the July 2013 meeting. The program experienced a director change after the visit. The program has complied with the requirement and has responded to the recommendations.
- The program's approval status was maintained as Full with Warning since January 2013 to re-evaluate the status when the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates were determined.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The program has had two (2) consecutive years with a NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate above 80% and is currently in compliance with Rule 214.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status of Kaplan College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Corpus Christi, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval. (See Attachment #1.)

DRAFT LETTER

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Dear Ms. Rutledge:

At the April 16-17, 2014 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Kaplan College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Corpus Christi, Texas based upon the review of the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, review of the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and compliance with Rule 214.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Kaplan College Vocational Nursing Education Program in Corpus Christi, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Full Approval.

If you have questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board Staff at 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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