

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning
 Galen College of Nursing in San Antonio, Texas
 Vocational Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the Galen College of Nursing Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning based upon the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, review of the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey, and compliance with Board Rule 214.

Historical Perspective:

- The Galen College of Nursing VN Education Program was established in 1989 and the initial cohort graduated in February 1990.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past six (6) years are provided in the following table:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2013	Full	76.25%	289/379
2012	Full	77.51% (Self-Study Report)	293/378
2011	Full	80.58%	307/381
2010	Full	90.91%	270/297
2009	Full	86.88%	192/221
2008	Full	86.40%	197/228

- The program submitted a Self-Study Report in 2013 due to the 2012 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 77.51%. Although the program implemented measures to improve the performance of students on the national licensing examination, the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate has continued to be below 80%. Self-Study Reports are required when a program experiences a one time pass rate below 80%. The annual NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates report for VN programs are presented to the Board at the annual April meeting. Letters requiring Self-Study Reports are sent to programs following the April meeting with a due date that allows the program about two (2) months for development.
- The Galen College VN Self-Study Report was received in the Board office in June 2013 and offered a comprehensive analysis.
- The Self-Study Report identified major areas needing corrective actions and described corrective measures for each area of concern. The recommendations included: (1) a requirement for all VN faculty members to have a baccalaureate degree in nursing; (2) a review of admission and re-admission policies; (3) the mapping all course program student learning outcomes [PSLOs] to NCLEX-PN® categories; (4) a review of VN exams, mapping them to PSLOs, cognitive analysis, and NCLEX-PN® categories; (5) an expansion of test blueprints; and (6) early referrals of students to the student success coordinator and school counselor.

- Trina Campos, MSN, RN, program director, assumed the nursing leadership position in April 2013 and meets all requirements of Board Rule 214 to serve in the nursing leadership role.
- Galen College of Nursing was awarded regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in June 2013.
- Currently, 508 students are enrolled in the program; 384 students are enrolled in the Day Option and 124 students are enrolled in the Evening Option. Anticipated graduation dates are:

Cohort Graduation Date	Number Enrolled
March 2014	73 Day; 9 Evenings = 81 Total
June 2014	93 Day; 12 Evenings = 105 Total
September 2014	102 Day; 12 Evenings = 114 Total
December 2014	116 Day; 19 Evenings = 135 Total

Rationale for Recommendation:

Rule 214.4(c)(3)(A) states that “A warning may be issued to a program when the pass rate of first-time NCLEX-PN® candidates...is less than 80% for two (2) consecutive examination years...”

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of the Galen College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning and issue the requirement/condition in the attached Board Order (Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

April 18, 2014

Trina Campos, MSN, RN, Director
Galen College of Nursing
Vocational Nursing Education Program
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Dear Ms. Campos:

At the April 16-17, 2014 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status of the Galen College of Nursing Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2013, review of the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey, and Board Rule 214. Members of the Board wish to thank Ms. Kathy Hill, Dr. Vivian Lilly, and you for being present at the meeting to answer questions.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the Galen College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning, as indicated in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions or if we may offer assistance, please contact Board Staff at virginia.ayars@bon.texas.gov or (512) 305-7660.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

copy: Mark A. Vogt, President, Galen College of Nursing
Texas Workforce Commission
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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of:

Galen College of Nursing
Vocational Nursing Education Program
In San Antonio, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on April 16, 2014, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of Galen College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Education in San Antonio, Texas, based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2013, review of the 2013 Nursing Education Program Information Survey, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from Galen College of Nursing in San Antonio, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Galen College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Education Program in San Antonio, Texas, from FULL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING and hereby imposes the following condition/requirement:

1. A program survey visit is to be conducted by a Consultant for Nursing Education during 2014.

Entered this 16th day of April, 2014

Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director