

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

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for the Quest College 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 Quest College (formerly Career Quest) VN Education Program was established in 2010 and graduated the first cohort of eight (8) students in April 2011.
- Quest College is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past three (3) 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	44.59%	33/74
2012	Full	37.50% (Self-Study Report)	15/40
2011	Initial	87.50%	7/8

- The program submitted a Self-Study Report in 2013 due to the 2012 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 37.50%. 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 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 Quest College VN Self-Study Report was received in the Board office in July 2013. The report identified the following factors that may have led to the below 80% NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate: (1) an increase in enrollment numbers, (2) a turnover in faculty members, and (3) the need for more standardization throughout the curriculum. Corrective measures were implemented, including: (1) institution of standardized test banks; (2) establishment of clinical grading rubrics; (3) removal of extra credit; (4) establishment of a student re-entry policy; (5) standardization of the faculty orientation process; (6) evaluation of faculty retention/assignments; and (7) review of curriculum.
- Seven (7) individuals have served as the VN education program director since the program began in April 2010.
- Mary Simcic, RN was appointed to the program director position in January 2014 and meets the requirements of Board Rule 214 to serve in the nursing leadership position.

- Currently, 110 students are enrolled in the program; 58 students are enrolled in the Day Option and 52 students are enrolled in the Evening Option, as follows:

<u>Day Cohort Graduation Date</u>	<u>Number Enrolled</u>
June 6, 2014	12
August 29, 2014	12
November 21, 2014	20
March 17, 2015	<u>14</u>
Total Day Enrollment	58

<u>Evening Cohort Graduation Date</u>	<u>Number Enrolled</u>
May 16, 2014	19
September 15, 2014	11
November 21, 2014	9
May 16, 2015	<u>13</u>
Total Evening Enrollment	52

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 for the Quest College 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

Mary Simcic, RN, Director
Quest College
Vocational Nursing Education Program
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San Antonio, TX 78229

Dear Ms. Simcic:

At the April 16-17, 2014 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status of the Quest College 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 you and 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 Quest College 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: Jeanne Martin, Quest College President
Texas Workforce Commission
Council on Occupational Education

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of:

Quest College
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 the Quest College 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 Quest College in San Antonio, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the Quest College 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