

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status  
from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning  
The College of Health Care Professions in Houston, Texas  
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider the proposed change in approval status for The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas, from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning based upon the 2014 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and areas of non-compliance with Rule 214 identified in the 2014 Self-Study Report.

**Historical Perspective:**

- The College of Health Care Professions VN Education Program was established in 2011.
- The College of Health Professions is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). The next ABHES evaluation is scheduled for 2019.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past three (3) years are included in the table below:

<b>NCLEX Examination Year</b>	<b>BON Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)</b>
2014	Full	45.45%	15/33
2013	Full	53.85 (Self-Study Report)	7/13
2012	Initial	100%	6/6

- The school submitted a Self-Study Report in 2014 due to the 2013 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 53.85%. 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 2014 Self-Study Report identified major areas needing corrective actions and described corrective measures for each area of concern. The need for changes in faculty workload, classroom space, and clinical evaluation tools were described. Additionally, the faculty identified the need to implement test item analysis software to provide additional data to improve test item development and analysis practices.

- Wanda Spratt, MSN, MA, RN, program director, assumed the position in 2012 and meets all requirements of Board Rule 214 to serve in the nursing leadership role.

**Rationales for Recommendations:**

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

The Education Guideline for writing a Self-Study Report requests that “The effects of the corrective measures should be evaluated as part of the Total Program Evaluation Plan”.

**Staff Recommendations:**

Move to change the approval status for The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning based upon the 2014 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and areas of noncompliance with Rule 214 identified in the 2014 Self-Study Report, and impose the conditions and requirements in the attached Board Order (Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER**

April 20, 2015

Wanda E. Spratt, MSN, MA, RN, Director,  
Vocational Nursing Education Program  
The College of Health Care Professions  
240 Northwest Mall Blvd  
Houston, TX 77092

Dear Ms. Spratt:

At the April 16-17, 2015 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) discussed the approval status of The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, based upon the 2014 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, and areas of noncompliance with Board Rule 214 identified in the 2014 Self-Study Report. Members of the Board wish to thank you and **XXXXXXXX** 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 College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas from Full Approval to Full Approval with Warning and impose the conditions and requirements in the attached Board Order.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at [jo.queen@bon.texas.gov](mailto:jo.queen@bon.texas.gov) or 512-350-7658.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  
Executive Director

Copy: Terri Lowery, President  
Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools  
Texas Workforce Commission

**BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**

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**In the Matter of:**

The College of Health Care Professions  
Vocational Nursing Education Program  
in Houston, Texas

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on April 16, 2015, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 214, based upon the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2014, and areas of noncompliance with Rule 214 identified in the 2014 Self-Study Report.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Education Program in Houston, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of The College of Health Care Professions Vocational Nursing Program in Houston, Texas, from FULL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING and hereby imposes the following conditions and requirements:

1. In accordance with Rule 214.4(a)(3)(A), a program survey visit will be conducted by Board Staff during 2015.
2. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the corrective measures outlined in the 2014 Self-Study Report is to be submitted to Board Staff no later than June 1, 2015, per Education Guideline 3.2.1.a.

Entered this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  
Executive Director  
On Behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing