

**Notification of Award of Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Accreditation
to Texas State University in Round Rock, Texas
Master's Degree Program in Nursing**

Summary:

The Board of Nursing has been notified by Marla Erbin-Roesemann, PhD, RN, Director and Professor of St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University in Round Rock, Texas, that the Master's Degree Program in Nursing at Texas State University has received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Historical Perspective:

- The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program at Texas State University was approved by the Board at the April 2013 meeting and enrolled students in Fall 2013,
- The first class graduated twenty-five (25) students in May 2015 and the graduates are currently in the process of taking their credentialing examinations and student reports related to success are positive.
- There are thirty-three (33) students in the second class who will graduate in May 2016, with a third group of forty (40) students admitted for Fall 2015.
- The Director of the FNP Program is Shirley Levenson, PhD, RN, FNP.
- Rule 219 *Advanced Practice Nurse Education* requires that advanced practice nursing educational programs in the State of Texas shall be approved by the Board until the program is accredited or approved by a national advanced practice nursing education accrediting body recognized by the Board.
- The program received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) effective October 8, 2014. The accreditation meets the requirement for a new advanced practice nursing program to achieve national nursing accreditation within five (5) years [Rule 219(d)(1)(B)].
- The program may be removed from the list of nursing programs under the purview of the Board.
- Board Staff congratulate the Family Nurse Practitioner Program for success in achieving CCNE accreditation and current successes with the program.

This report is for notification only. No Board action is necessary.