

**Consideration of Change of Approval Status from Initial to Full Approval
West Coast University in Dallas, Texas
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing (BSN) Education Program in Dallas, Texas, based upon the review of the 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- The West Coast University (WCU) program was approved by the Board in January 2012.
- The program includes a generic BSN Education Program as well as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to BSN track.
- The degree consists of 120 credit hours for the generic BSN track and can be completed in thirty-nine (39) months.
- West Coast University is a private, degree-granting, post-secondary educational institution administered by a board of trustees. WCU was originally chartered in California in 1909 as an ophthalmology school. During World War II the university developed a reputation for its programs in the mathematical and physical sciences, including engineering and applied physics. In 1953, WCU became one of the first schools to offer evening-only programs that allowed working adults to earn baccalaureate degrees.
- In 2009, WCU achieved accreditation for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Rationale for Recommendation:

The program has had a graduating cohort with a 2014 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 89.19% (33/37) and is eligible for full approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to change the approval status of West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas from initial to full approval (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

January 26, 2015

Myra Michelle DeBose, PhD, RN, Director
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
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Dear Dr. DeBose:

At the January 22-23, 2015 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2014 and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, from Initial to Full Approval and impose the condition/requirement in the attached Board Order. Congratulations upon this achievement.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact board staff at gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov or (512) 621-5179.

Sincerely,

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

copy: William C. Clohan, JD, PhD, President, West Coast University

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
West Coast University
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program
Dallas, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on January 22, 2015, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupation Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2014 and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the materials presented by Staff and filed by West Coast University in Dallas, Texas, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of the West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, from INITIAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL and imposes the following condition/requirement:

1. Board Staff will conduct a survey visit to the West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in Dallas, Texas, in 2015.

Entered this 22nd day of January, 2015

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