

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Full Approval with Warning to Conditional Approval
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 in Houston, Texas, from Full Approval with Warning to Conditional Approval based upon the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

Historical Perspective:

- The College of Health Care Professions in Houston, Texas, was approved at the January 2011 Board meeting as the Academy of Health Care Professions.
- The name was changed to The College of Health Care Professions (CHCP) in December 2012.
- The CHCP is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) and is licensed by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- Freda Sowell, MSN, MHA, RN, began as Director in July 2015.
- The approval status was changed from Full Approval to Full with Warning at April 2015 Board Meeting.
- A survey visit was conducted on July 29, 2015, and a report of the survey visit was presented to the Board members at the January 2016 meeting.
- The Board issued three (3) requirements related to clarifying policies for faculty workload and faculty development, revision of clinical evaluation tools, and evidence of faculty decision-making; and two (2) recommendations related to increasing student time in skills lab and providing opportunities for students to participate in departmental governance.
- The program has been working to meet these requirements and recommendations since the July 2015 survey visit and have succeeded in fulfilling them.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate for 2015 was 45.71% (16/35).
- The NCLEX-PN® pass rates for the past four (4) years are reflected in the table below:

Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2015	Recommend Conditional	45.71%	16/35
2014	Full with Warning	45.45%	15/33
2013	Full	53.85%	7/13
2012	Initial	100%	6/6

- Currently there are forty-two (42) students enrolled in the program with twenty-five (25) expected to take the NCLEX-PN® examination in 2016.

Rationale for Recommendations:

Rule 215.4(c)(3)(B) states: “A program may be placed on conditional approval status if the pass rate of first-time NCLEX-RN® candidates is less than 80% for three (3) consecutive examination years”

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 with Warning to Conditional Approval based upon the 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214, and issue the conditions and requirements in the attached letter and Board Order (See Attachment #1).

DRAFT LETTER

April 25, 2016

Freda Sowell, MSN, MHA, RN, Program Director
Vocational Nursing Education Program
The College of Health Care Professions
240 Northwest Mall Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77092

Dear Ms. Sowell:

At the April 21-22, 2016 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 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214. Members of the Board wish to thank you and XXXXX 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 with Warning to Conditional Approval and impose the requirements and conditions indicated in the attached Board Order.

If you have questions or if we may offer assistance, please contact Board Staff at janice.hooper@bon.texas.gov or 512-305-6814.

Sincerely,

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

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

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
The College of Health Care Professions
Vocational Nursing Education Program
Houston, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on April 21, 2016, 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 2015 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 214.

After review and due consideration of the filed materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from The College of Health Care Professions 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 Education Program in Houston, Texas, from FULL APPROVAL WITH WARNING to CONDITIONAL APPROVAL and hereby imposes the following conditions and requirements:

1. The program shall not enroll students while on conditional approval status.
2. The program will remain on conditional approval status until the program demonstrates a pass rate for first-time candidates of at least 80% on the 2016 NCLEX-PN® examination. The NCLEX-RN® examination year is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
3. The program must demonstrate full compliance with Rule 214 prior to consideration of a change in approval status.

Entered this 21st day of April, 2016

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