

**NOTIFICATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**COASTAL BEND COLLEGE AT ALICE, COASTAL BEND COLLEGE AT BEEVILLE,  
 COASTAL BEND COLLEGE AT KINGSVILLE, AND COASTAL BEND COLLEGE AT PLEASANTON**

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Program	Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
Coastal Bend College VN Program at Alice	2006	Full	90.48%	19/21
	2005	Full	95.45%	21/22
	2004	Full	100%	20/20

Coastal Bend College VN Program at Beeville	2006	Full	95.65%	22/23
	2005	Full	86.96%	20/23
	2004	Full	92%	26/28

Coastal Bend College VN Program at Kingsville	2006	Full	100%	18/18
	2005	Full	72.73%	24/33
	2004	Full	83%	18/22

Coastal Bend College VN Program at Pleasanton	2006	Full	100%	12/12
	2005	Full	94.12%	16/17
	2004	Full	90%	21/23

- Records show that Coastal Bend College (CBC) has successfully operated the vocational nursing (VN) education program at Alice since August 1974, the VN Program at Beeville since September 1967, the VN Program at Kingsville since August 1975, and the VN Program at Pleasanton since September 2002.
- The CBC VN Program at Kingsville was required to complete a Self-Study to address the 2005 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate of 72.73% and the Self-Study Report was accepted by the Board at the July 2006 Board Meeting. The corrective actions resulting from the Self Study were implemented by the program and evidently were successful as the 2006 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate was 100%.
- CBC has decided to consolidate the four programs into one program as a result of a Board-issued recommendation for CBC to weight the benefits of being one program overall or four separate programs. CBC presented the following benefits resulting from the consolidation:
  - consolidation of operational activities will be more efficient,

- advantage of averaging the NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for a larger cohort of students for one pass rate overall, and
  - greater commitment by faculty with decisions, policies, procedures and changes made in group or system wide meetings.
- The VN Program curriculum at all four campuses will be verified at the beginning of each program year with the Director of Workforce and the Vice-President of Instructional Services to ensure that the curriculum is identical at all four locations.
  - Changes that will occur after the consolidation include the following:
    - new VN Program Director's office will be located at the CBC Beeville campus,
    - one new faculty member for the CBC VN Program will be employed for the Kingsville campus, and
    - new CBC Director of Workforce will be employed.
  - At the program's request, the targeted date for consolidation and implementation is May 1, 2007.

**SUMMARY:**

- Consolidation will be effective May 1, 2007.
- The Program Codes for the CBC VN Programs at Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton will be deactivated.
- The Program Code for the CBC VN Program at Beeville will be the only Program Code utilized after May 1, 2007.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

No Board action is required. This notification is for information purposes only.