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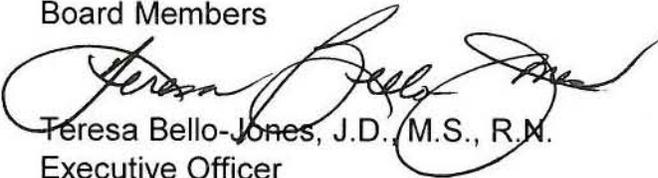


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SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and
Psychiatric Technician Programs

The following is a summary of the Executive Officer's (EO) decisions for vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs.

Effective May 13, 2011:

1. American Career College, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Brigid Barrett, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

American Career College, Ontario Campus, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a full - time class of 60 students on May 16, 2011. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for May 17, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students who graduated May 5, 2011.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a full - time class of 60 students on August 15, 2011. Graduation of the second proposed class is projected for August 22, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students who graduate August 12, 2011.

The program also is requesting approval to start a, part-time class with 50 students on September 26, 2011, graduating April 17, 2013. Classes would be held on evenings and weekend days. Curriculum hours will remain the same (580 theory and 980 clinical, for a total of 1560 Hours) as the 52 week, full-time program, but extend over a period of 84 weeks.

The EO **approved** American Career College, Ontario Campus, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full – time class of 60 students commencing May 16, 2011, only, with a projected graduation of May 17, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated May 5, 2011; **approved** the program's request to admit a full – time class of 60 students on August 15, 2011, with a projected graduation of August 22, 2012, to **replace** students who graduate August 12, 2011. Additionally, the EO **approved** the program's request to start an 84 week, part-time, evening and weekend (day), class with 50 students on September 26, 2011 and graduating April 17, 2013 utilizing the previously approved program curriculum for 1560 hours, including 580 theory, and 980 clinical hours; **and required** the program to submit a part - time Instructional Plan

consistent with the revised curriculum hours by July 8, 2011. The program is **required** to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has enrolled 335 students since the program began in November 2008. To date, 122 students have graduated and 193 students remain in the program. Of the 122 graduates, 28 have taken the licensure examination. Twenty-seven have passed and one (1) failed. As such, 96% of the total program graduates passed the licensure examination. Based on the most recent data available (January to March 2011) the program's average annual pass rate is 95%. As such, the average annual pass rate for the American Career College, Ontario Campus, Vocational Nursing Program is 18 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

Although the pass rate for the program is high, it is important to note, that of the total program graduates, only 22.9% have taken the licensure examination to date. The remaining 77.1% have not tested. The licensure pass rates justify the admission of the replacement classes and start of the 84 week part-time class.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

2. American College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Laura Smith McKenna, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)

The American College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 45 students and five (5) alternates into a full – time evening class commencing May 23, 2011, and graduating May 30, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 18, 2011.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit 45 students and five (5) alternates into a full – time day class two (2) times each year in January and July, to **replace** graduating students, commencing July 18, 2011.

The EO **denied** American College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 45 students and 5 alternates into a full – time evening class commencing May 23, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of May 30, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 18, 2011; **and approved** the program's admission of 45 students and 4 alternates into a full – time evening class commencing May 23, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of May 30, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 18, 2011. The EO **denied** the program's request to admit 45 students and 5 alternates into a full – time day class commencing July 18, 2011, graduating July 20, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate July 2, 2011; **and approved** the program's admission of 45 students and 4 alternates into a full – time day class

commencing July 18, 2011, graduating July 20, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate July 2, 2011. The EO **denied** the program's request for ongoing admissions of a full-time day class of 45 students two (2) times each year, commencing July 18, 2011; **and continued** the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Reported pass rate statistics evidence improvement in the program's pass rates over the last eleven (11) quarters. Over the most recent six (6) quarters, the program's average annual pass rates have ranged from **42%**, for the period July – September 2009, to **88%**, for the period July – September 2010. However, it is noted that over the last three quarters, the program's average annual pass rates have declined.

For the period July – September 2010, the program's average **quarterly** pass rate was **89%**; the average **annual** pass rate was **88%**. For the period October – December 2010, the program's average **quarterly** pass rate was **75%**; the average **annual** pass rate was **81%**. For the period January – March 2011, the program's average **quarterly** pass rate was **62%**; the average **annual** pass rate was **76%**. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is **one** (1) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Such statistics support the recommendation to deny ongoing admissions and continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class. It is also noted that the program's proposed admission of alternates exceeds the maximum 10% allowed by existing regulations. As such, the recommendations include the number of alternates consistent with existing regulations and the maximum enrollment proposed by the program.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

3. Bakersfield Adult School, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Shirley Ray, Bakersfield, Kern County, Adult School)

Bakersfield Adult School Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to admit 15 students on August 22, 2011 graduating June 30, 2013. This class would **replace** students graduating on June 30, 2011.

The EO **approved** Bakersfield Adult School's request to admit 15 students on August 22, 2011, graduating June 30, 2013 to **replace** students graduating on June 30, 2011 **and** required the program to admit no additional students without Board approval.

Rationale: The program has maintained licensure **quarterly** pass rates ranging from **67% to 100%** for six (6) of the last nine (9) previous quarters. The program's average annual pass rates have ranged from 82% to 100% for eight (8) of the nine (9) quarters. Based on this data, the approval of the requested class is warranted.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of current and proposed students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly.

4. Blake Austin College, Vacaville, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions; Request to Increase Program Length (Director: Jennifer Cannon, Vacaville, Solano County, Private)

Blake Austin College, also known as CSI Career College, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to increase the frequency of class admissions. Currently, the program is approved to admit 45 students into a day class once per year, in January, to **replace** graduating students. The program also is approved to offer an evening class for which prior Board approval is required.

The program requests approval to increase the frequency of admissions to 45 students into a day class three (3) times each year in January, May, and August, effective August 23, 2011. As reported, the program will discontinue offering evening classes after completion of the current class. The current class is scheduled to graduate March 31, 2012.

The EO **approved** Blake Austin College Vocational Nursing Program's request for ongoing admissions of 45 students three (3) times each year, commencing August 23, 2011, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes one (1) full – time day class of 45 students three (3) times each year, in January, May, and August, to **replace** graduating students only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program must maintain an average annual licensure pass rate that is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual licensure examination pass rate, consistent with Section 2530 (I) of the Vocational Rules and Regulations.

The EO **approved** the program's request for the following revisions of its curriculum:

- a. Increase the semester length from 15 weeks to 16 weeks, effective May 16, 2011.
- b. Revise the sequence of curriculum content to incorporate the current 135 hours of prerequisite content (Medical Terminology – 45 hours; Nutrition – 45 hours; and Anatomy and Physiology – 45 hours) into the program curriculum. The overall curriculum hours will remain 1620 hours, Theory – 624 hours; Clinical – 996 hours.

Additionally, the EO **required** the program to submit the following revised documents by **Monday, May 16, 2011.**

- a. Summary of Instructional Hours.
- b. Curriculum Hours per Content Area per Term of the Curriculum.
- c. Revised Instructional Plan.

Rationale: As noted previously, the program's current program director was approved September 28, 2008. On October 29, 2008, the assigned consultant met with the director to discuss program elements critical to student achievement. The consultant recommended a thorough analysis of the program. Additionally, the consultant recommended several revisions of the program's plan of correction consistent with that analysis. The director received the recommendations and completed the recommended analysis. Based on that analysis, several key changes were made. On November 17, 2008, a revised plan of correction was submitted.

On May 22, 2009, the Board placed the program on provisional accreditation due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements relative to program performance statistics. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 55%

On September 16, 2010, the Board approved the program's full accreditation. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 83%.

Since that time the program has sustained improvement in its average annual pass rate. The quarter following placement on provisional accreditation, the program's average annual pass rate improved from 55% to 72% and exceeded the state average annual pass rate of 70%. For each subsequent quarter, the program's average annual pass rate has exceeded the state average pass rate. In summary, the program's average annual pass rate has exceeded the state average annual pass rate for eight (8) consecutive quarters. Such sustained improvement

evidences the effectiveness of employed interventions and supports the recommendations.

The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has demonstrated that it has the resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions. Board staff will monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

5. Career Care Institute, Lancaster, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Records Survey Continued Accreditation; and Request to Admit Students (Director: Angela Moore, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' findings shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was submitted for the, Career Care Institute, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program February 18, 2011. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO **approved** full accreditation for Career Care Institute, Lancaster, Vocational Nursing Program for the four (4) year period from April 10, 2011 through April 9, 2015, and direct staff to issue a certificate accordingly **and approve** the program's continued ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, for the Career Care Institute, Lancaster, Vocational Nursing Program with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern for ongoing admissions will be four full-time classes of 40 students per class each calendar year, to replace graduating classes only
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

- c. The program must maintain an average annual licensure pass rate that is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual licensure examination pass rate, consistent with Section 2530 (I) of the Vocational Rules and Regulations.

Rationale: Reported licensure examination statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rate was within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for seven (7) of the previous eight (8) quarters. It is noted that, based on the most recent reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is 13 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

Based on submitted information and licensure examination statistics as published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction," the program has demonstrated compliance with Article 5, Section 2530 (a) of the Vocational Rules and Regulations.

The program has submitted documentation indicating it has the resources necessary to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

6. Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students
(Director: Delores Terriquez, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a class of twenty-four (24) students commencing May 16, 2011 and graduating May 28, 2012 to **replace** students that graduated March 14, 2011.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of twenty-four (24) students commencing August 22, 2011 and graduating September 12, 2012 to **replace** the class that will graduate July 21, 2011.

The EO **denied** Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of twenty-four (24) students commencing May 16, 2011 and graduating May 28, 2012 to **replace** students that graduated March 14, 2011; **and approved** the program's admission of a full - time class of twenty (20) students commencing May 16, 2011 and graduating May 28, 2012 to **replace** students that graduated March 14, 2011. The EO **denied** the program's request to admit a class of twenty-four (24) students August 22, 2011 and graduating September 12, 2012 to **replace** the class that will graduate July 21, 2011, at this time. The EO **required** the program to perform an analysis and submit a written report of the following elements of the program by **June 30, 2011**:

- a. Admission Criteria.
- b. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- c. Terminal Objectives.
- d. Curriculum Objectives.

- e. Correlation of Theory to Clinical.
- f. Instructional Plan.

The EO **required** the program to be brought before the Full Board if no improvement in program performance pass rates based on Quarter 2, 2011 NCLEX/PN statistics. The program is **required** to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: As previously stated, the programs average annual pass rates have been significantly below the state average annual pass rates for nine (9) of eleven (11) quarters. From July through September 2008 the average annual pass rates were 36, 35, 35, 35, 33 percent. The program then rose to 71% followed by a 67%. After these two (2) marginally higher quarters, the pass rates again plummeted to 60%, 57%, 50% and currently 0%, respectively. The most recent quarter's average annual pass rate, 0%, was affected by no candidates testing during that quarter. Regardless of no candidate testing during the most recent quarter, the programs average annual pass rates are still significantly below the state average annual pass rate and warrants the denial of the class of 24 students. Approving the program for 20 students will give the program time to evaluate the program effectiveness and focus on the enrolled students.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

7. Los Angeles Unified School District, Mid Wilshire Campus – Report of Program Closure (Director: Vacant, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Mid Wilshire Campus, also known as Los Angeles Technology Center, Vocational Nursing Program has notified the Board of the program's closure, effective September 28, 2010.

The Board granted initial approval of Los Angeles Unified School District's request to commence a vocational nursing program on June 24, 1968. On December 5, 1968, the program was granted initial full accreditation. On June 1, 1984, the Board granted the program's request for continued accreditation. At that time the program consisted of three (3) community adult campuses, three (3) regional occupational campuses, and four (4) high school campuses.

In correspondence dated September 28, 2010, and submitted to the Board on May 11, 2011, Isabel Vazquez, Director, Career Technical Education, LAUSD Division of Adult and Career Education, stated the LAUSD, Mid Wilshire Campus, Vocational Nursing Program closed effective September 28, 2010. As presented, the program closed due to the "unavailability of eligible BVNPT – approved LVN instructors and an adequate LVN instructor substitute pool to ensure program quality and continuity..."

The EO **approved** removal of Los Angeles Unified School District, Mid Wilshire Campus, also known as Los Angeles Technology Center, Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's list of *Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools*.

8. North West College, Pomona, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Continued Accreditation Survey (Director: Adnan AlMouazzen, County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the findings shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

The North West College, Pomona, Vocational Nursing Program completed and submitted their Program Records Survey November 16, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was noted.

The EO **approved** full accreditation for North-West College, Pomona, Vocational Nursing Program for the four (4) year period from April 12, 2011 through April 11, 2015, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; **and approved** the program's **request** to admit a class of 35 students on June 6, 2011 and scheduled to graduate September 7, 2012, only, to **replace** students who graduated in April 2011; **and required** the program to come before the Full Board for further admission of unapproved classes **and required** the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rates have declined from its' highest quarter of 88%, recorded during January to March 2010, to the lowest quarter, October to December 2010, where a 58% was recorded. The program's most recent average annual pass rate is 66% and the quarter pass rate is 92%. A significant fluctuation in the pass rates has occurred during the nine (9) quarters listed above. Based on the current quarter pass rate of 92%, the Board's representative feels the requested class is warranted. The program submitted documentation indicating it has the resources necessary to support the number of students in the Board approved programs. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

9. United Education International College, Chula Vista, Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Becki Quick, Chula Vista, San Diego County, Private)

The United Education International College, Chula Vista, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 60 students into a full – time class commencing May 25, 2011, and graduating May 18, 2012.

The program graduated its initial class on November 4, 2010. A second full – time class of 60 students was admitted on January 10, 2011. That class is projected to graduate January 26, 2012.

The EO **denied** United Education International, Chula Vista, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 60 students into a full – time class commencing May 25, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of May 18, 2012; **and approved** the program's admission of 30 students into a full – time day class commencing May 25, 2011, graduating May 18, 2012. The EO **required** the program to submit a detailed written report by **July 1, 2011**. The report shall include a complete analysis of all program elements, identification of those elements negatively impacting student achievement, development of strategies and specific actions to improve program pass rates, and a timeline for implementation. Additionally, the EO **required** the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed maximum enrollment. However, it must be noted that since initial accreditation, the program has graduated one class of 43 students. Of the total graduates, 33 have completed the licensure examination. Of the total tested, 16 passed (48%); 17 failed (52%).

The director has reported that the program plans to secure the services of an outside consultant to assist in identification of program deficits, resolution of areas of concern, and improvement of program pass rates. However, a timeline for completion has not been submitted.

The program's current average annual pass rate and the lack of a definitive plan and timeline support the recommendation to deny approval of the program's request to admit 60 students. Reducing the number of students admitted will allow the director and faculty to implement steps required to improve the quality of instruction and maximize the achievement of enrolled students.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its average pass rates each quarter, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

10. Vacaville Adult School – Report of Program Closure (Director: Margaret Pay, Vacaville, Solano County, Adult School)

Vacaville Adult School has notified the Board of the program's closure, effective May 4, 2011.

The Board granted initial approval of Vacaville Adult School's request to commence a vocational nursing program on August 17, 2005. On April 12, 2007, the Executive Officer approved the program's initial full accreditation for the four – year period April 12, 2007 through April 11, 2011, and directed issuance of a certificate accordingly.

On May 13, 2011, the Board received correspondence from the program director advising that the Vacaville Adult School, in conjunction with Boston Reed College, will no longer offer a vocational nursing program. As reported, the program closure is a result of low enrollment. The director reported that program has no students enrolled at this time. Further, the program's last class graduated November 2009. (See Attachment A)

The EO **approved** removal of the Vacaville Adult School Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's list of *Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools*.

Effective June 3, 2011:

11. Concorde Career College, Woodland Hills, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Cheri Allmond, North Hollywood, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the findings shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed of the, Concorde Career College, Woodland Hills, Vocational Nursing Program on February 4, 2011. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO **approved** continued full accreditation for the Concorde Career College, Woodland Hills, Vocational Nursing Program for the period April 10, 2011 through April 9, 2015, and issue a certificate accordingly and approve continued ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, for the Concorde, Woodland Hills, Vocational Nursing Program with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of one class of 30 students every 84 weeks with no more than one class in session at a time.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: The program will make sure that in the future each campus is reported under its' own NCLEX code in order to track licensure data for that particular campus.

The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has demonstrated that it has the resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions. Board staff will monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

12. Curam College of Nursing – Request to Begin a Vocational Nursing Program
(Director: Wayne Williams, Sacramento County, Private)

Curam College of Nursing submitted a request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 30 students on July 5, 2011. The projected graduation date is March 31, 2012.

The EO **approved** Curam College of Nursing to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 30 students on July 5, 2011, only and the program curriculum be approved for 1550 hours, including 594 theory, and 956 clinical hours.

13. North-West College, Glendale, Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Admit a Class
(Director: Vicki Lapre', Glendale, Los Angeles County, Private)

The director of the North-West College, Glendale, Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a full-time class of 30 students, on June 6, 2011 to **replace** a class that will graduate on June 5, 2011. The proposed class is projected to graduate on August 26, 2011.

The EO **approved** the North-West College, Glendale, Vocational Nursing Program's request, to admit a full-time class of 30 students, on June 6, 2011, graduating August 26, 2011, to **replace** a class that will graduate on June 5, 2011; **and required** the program to continue to obtain prior Full Board approval to admit future classes; **and place** the program on the September 2011 Board agenda for consideration of placement on Provisional Accreditation for low licensure pass rates.

Rationale: The program graduated its first class in November 2008, the licensure pass rates have been significantly below the state average annual pass rate. The average annual pass rates have ranged from 38%, the lowest, to 56%, the highest. A total of 89 students have been enrolled in the program, to date. Fifty-nine (59) of the 89 enrollees have graduated. Forty-six (46) graduates have taken the licensure examination. Of the 46 graduates tested, 22 passed and 24 failed. On May 17, 2011, the program was sent notification they had eight (8) quarters of low licensure examination pass rates and will be placed on the September 2011 Board agenda.

Currently 20 students remain in the program. These students are scheduled to graduate June 5, 2011. Replacement of the graduating class with 30 students will allow the program to implement and evaluate

the changes they have made to improve their student's success on the licensure examination.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. However, the Board is concerned about the program's continued difficulty in preparing safe and competent students who are able to pass the licensure examination. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

14. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey; Request to Admit a Replacement Class
(Director: Khadeer Khan, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' findings shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey February 22, 2011. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was noted.

The EO **approved** continued full accreditation for the West Coast Ultra Sound Institute, Beverly Hills, Vocational Nursing Program for the period July 10, 2011 through July 9, 2015 and issued a certificate accordingly; **and approved** the program's request to admit a Full-Time class of 20 students on July 6, 2011, graduating September 27, 2012, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate June 26, 2011; **and approved** the program's admission of a Full-Time class of 20 students on October 6, 2011, graduating December 23, 2012, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate June 26, 2011; **and required** the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: From July 2008 through March 2009 the program's licensure pass rates were 40%, 53% and 61% respectively. Since that time the program has made continued progress to bring the pass rates up. Currently the program's licensure pass rate is 11 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

15. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Replace Students (Director: Karen Hall, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program request approval to admit 20 students on July 5, 2011 and graduating on June 25, 2012 to **replace** students that graduated on June 24, 2011.

The program is additionally requesting to start a 15 month program with 30 students on July 5, 2011 and graduate December 21, 2012. The 15 month program would modify the length of the 12 month class. The same curriculum would be utilized but adjusted to cover 15 months.

The EO **approved** the program's request to admit a full-time day class of 20 students on July 5, 2011, and graduating June 25, 2012, only, to **replace** students that graduated June 24, 2011; **and approved** the program's request to start a 15 month program with 30 students on July 5, 2011 and graduating December 21, 2012, utilizing the previously approved program curriculum for 1546 hours, including 588 theory and 958 clinical hours; **and required** the program to submit a new Instructional Plan consistent with the revised curriculum for the new 15 month program by **June 30, 2011**; **and required** the program to submit a written report related to the program's plan to decrease attrition rates no later than **June 30, 2011**. The EO **continued** the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has enrolled 87 students to date and graduated 38. As such, the program has a 43.7% attrition rate. The Board has serious concerns relative to the significantly high attrition rates. Requiring the program director to research and develop a plan to decrease the attrition rates is warranted to increase student success while in the program.

Of the 32 program graduates, 17 have taken the licensure examination. Fourteen (14) passed and three (3) failed. The program's current average annual NCLEX-PN[®] pass rate is 82%. Forty (40) students are currently enrolled in the program.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

Effective July 8, 2011:

16. Career Development Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Cyndi Ladnier, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private)

On October 7, 2009, the Career Development Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program was placed on Provisional Accreditation for the two – year period from October 7, 2009 through September 30, 2011. The program was placed on the

agenda for the September 2011 Board meeting for reconsideration of the program's accreditation status.

The Career Development Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a part – time class of 30 students commencing July 12, 2011, and graduating January 24, 2012.

The EO **deferred** action on the Career Development Center Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part – time class of 30 students on July 12, 2011 only, with a projected graduation date of January 24, 2012, for consideration by the Board at the September 9, 2011 meeting; **and continued** the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. However, the Board has serious concerns relative to the program's noncompliance with regulatory requirements relative to the admission of classes without prior Board approval. Additionally, the Board is scheduled to reconsider the program's Provisional Accreditation status at the September 9, 2011 meeting. While the director and owner have expressed their apologies and commitment to refrain from reoccurrences of the violation, deferring action on the program's request for consideration by the Board at its September 9, 2011 meeting is prudent.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

17. Clovis Adult & Vocational Education Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation; Request to Admit Students (Director: Joan Murphy, Clovis, Fresno County, Adult School)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was submitted by the Clovis Adult & Vocational Education Vocational Nursing Program on December 23, 2010, 2011. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO **approved** continued full accreditation for the Clovis Adult & Vocational Education Vocational Nursing Program for the four – year period from June 20, 2011

through June 19, 2015, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and approved** the program's admission of 45 students and four (4) alternates every fall and spring semester.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated compliance with existing statutes and regulatory requirements. Additionally, the program has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX/PN[®] that exceeded the state average annual pass rate for twelve (12) of the past thirteen (13) quarters.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years. The program must demonstrate sustained improvement in its average annual pass rates. Failure to do so will result in scheduling of the program for Board action.

18. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Larisa Revzina, Fresno, Fresno County, Private)

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, Vocational Nursing Program, requests approval to admit 30 students into a day class commencing July 11, 2011, graduating June 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the day class who graduated June 26, 2011.

The program is also requesting approval to admit a class of 30 students into an evening class commencing July 11, 2011, and graduating June 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the evening class who graduated in June 26, 2011. Additionally, the program is requesting ongoing admissions.

The EO **approved** Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a **day** class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011 only, and graduating June 24, 2012, to **replace** students in the **day** class who graduated June 26, 2011; **and approved** Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit an **evening** class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011 only, and graduating June 24, 2012, to **replace** students in the **evening** class who graduated June 26, 2011. The EO **denied** the program's request for ongoing admissions at this time; **and continued** the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the instability of the program's pass rates on the licensure examination. As previously noted, the program's average annual pass rate was 100% for the quarter October – December 2009. However, its average annual pass rates declined progressively for the next four (4) quarters from 100% to 44%. For the most recent quarter (January – March 2011), the

program's average annual pass rate improved to 65%. As such, the program has had only one (1) quarter in which its average annual pass rate was within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate.

As noted previously, on March 24, 2011, a new director was approved by the Board. The newly approved director is also the director of the SBBC Bakersfield and SBBC Santa Maria campuses.

The Board has concerns related to the management of the three (3) sites simultaneously due to the significant distance between the Palm Desert campus and the campuses in Santa Maria and Bakersfield. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

19. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Larisa Revzina, Modesto, San Joaquin County, Private)

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, Vocational Nursing Program, requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into a day class commencing July 11, 2011, graduating June 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the day class who graduated June 26, 2011.

The program also requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into an evening class commencing July 11, 2011, and graduating June 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the evening class who graduated June 26, 2011. Additionally, the program is requesting ongoing admissions.

The EO **approved** Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a **day** class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011 only, and graduating June 24, 2012, to **replace** students in the **day** class who graduated June 26, 2011; **and approved** the program's request to admit an **evening** class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011 only, and graduating June 24, 2012, to **replace** students in the **evening** class who graduated June 26, 2011. The EO **denied** the program's request for ongoing admissions at this time; **and continued** the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the instability of the program's pass rates on the licensure examination. As previously noted, the program's average annual pass rate was 100% for the quarter October – December 2009, 27 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. Subsequently, its average annual pass rates declined progressively over the next four (4) quarters from 100% to 48%. For the most recent quarter (January – March 2011), the program's average annual pass rate improved to 75%, two (2) points below the state average pass rate.

The program recently revised its curriculum to address identified deficiencies and improve program pass rates. The recent improvement in its pass rates demonstrates the program's initiative to provide a quality education to their students. However, additional time and licensure data is required to ensure that the improvement is sustained. The absence of such data supports the recommendations to approve the program's requests to admit students and deny the request for ongoing admissions

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement classes. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly.

20. Hanford Adult School Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Survey (Director: Karen Ormsby, Hanford, Kings County, Adult School)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was submitted by the Hanford Adult School Vocational Nursing Program. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Five (5) violations were noted.

The EO **approved** full accreditation for Hanford Adult School, Vocational Nursing Program for the four (4) year period from April 11, 2011 through April 10, 2015, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly. The EO **required** the program to submit lesson plans for all theory content within the Board approved curriculum **prior** to October 15, 2012; **and rescinded** the program's approval to admit 24 students into a full – time class three (3) times each year; **and required** the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program is currently noncompliance with the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. When the program records survey was performed, it was identified that the program lacked lesson plans for all curricular topics in the Board approved instructional plan. Requiring the program to develop lesson plans for the Board approved curriculum prior to the admission of a class, is warranted. Currently there are no students enrolled in the program.

The most recent class of 15 students graduated February 2011. The program's current average annual licensure pass rate is 79%. This is two (2) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has had six (6) program directors since September 13, 2006. On August 5, 2010 the current program director was approved by the Board. She was previously the schools program director from August 1989 through November 2006, and for two (2) months from October through December 2007 and again for a three (3) month period from October 11, 2007 to January 17, 2008. As such, the current director has over 17 years experience with this program and verbalizes confidence that she can correct the current deficiencies related to the loss of the programs lesson plans.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its average pass rates each quarter, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

21. Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Theresa M. Mostasisa, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)

The Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 40 students commencing July 5, 2011 only, with a projected date of graduation of November 2, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students who completed program requirements on June 27, 2011.

The EO deferred action on the Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 40 students commencing July 18, 2011 only, with a projected date of graduation of November 2, 2012, to **replace** students who completed course requirements on June 27, 2011, for consideration by the Board at the September 9, 2011 meeting and continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board remains extremely concerned about the program's performance statistics. The program has failed to achieve an average annual pass rate that is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for 11 of the past 13 quarters. The assigned consultant met with the director and strongly recommended several critical actions to enhance student achievement and improve program pass rates. Of major concern was the screening and selection of the student population, the quality of the curriculum and instruction provided by faculty, and the program's evaluation of student achievement and assessment.

Following the director's implementation of key actions, the program's average annual pass rates improved from 48% for the period January – March 2008 to its high of 65% for the period January – March 2009. Since that time, the average annual pass rates have declined. For the most current reporting period (January – March 2011), the program's

average annual pass rate was 53%. That percentage is 24 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate of 77%.

The program's prior director and faculty completed a major revision of the curriculum. That revision was approved on February 18, 2011. Since that time, the director and assistant director resigned. The program's current director was approved June 23, 2011.

The Board is scheduled to consider the program's placement on Provisional Accreditation at the September 9, 2011 meeting. Given these factors, deferring action on the program's request to admit students, for consideration by the Board at its September 9, 2011 meeting is prudent.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

22. Kaplan College, Stockton, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Denise Rodriguez, Stockton, San Joaquin County, Private)

The Kaplan College, Stockton, Vocational Nursing Program, also known as Maric College, Stockton, Vocational Nursing Program, requests approval to admit 30 students commencing October 31, 2011, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 28, 2011. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for November 5, 2012.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit 30 students on April 15, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to complete program requirements January 31, 2012. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for April 26, 2013.

The EO **approved** Kaplan College, Stockton, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing October 31, 2011, graduating November 5, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 28, 2011; **and approved** the program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing April 15, 2012, graduating April 26, 2013, to **replace** students graduating January 31, 2012; **and required** the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: As previously noted, reported statistics specify that the program's annual pass rate on the NCLEX/PN[®] is 91%. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate

quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

23. Trinity Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation; Request to Admit Students
(Director: Zenaida Mitu, Gardena, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was submitted by the Trinity Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program on April 15, 2011. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified.

The EO **approved** continued full accreditation for the Trinity Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program for the four – year period from June 22, 2011 through June 21, 2015, and issue a certificate accordingly. The EO **denied** the program's request to increase its frequency of admissions from two (2) part – time evening classes each year to include two full – time day classes and two part – time evening classes each year; **and rescinded** the program's approval to admit a part – time class of 35 students and three (3) alternates each January and July; **and approved** the program's admission of a part – time class of 35 students and three (3) alternates on July 30, 2011, and graduating January 31, 2013; **and approved** the program's admission of a full – time class of 35 students and three (3) alternates on November 21, 2011, and graduating November 20, 2012; **and required** the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each full – time and part – time class.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's noncompliance with regulatory requirements. Submitted information confirms that the program admitted a full – time class in November 2010, without Board approval.

Additionally, the program's average annual pass rates are of concern. During the period October through December 2007, two (2) program candidates completed the NCLEX/PN®; both candidates passed. However, the program was unable to sustain that level of achievement.

During the following period, 25 program candidates were tested; however, only 64% passed. The program had no candidates for the next four (4) quarters. For the April – June 2009 period, 85% of the program candidates tested passed. However, thereafter, the percentage of passing candidates has declined from 85% to 60%.

It is noted that during the last two reporting periods, the program's average annual pass rate has increased from 60% to 67%. However it must be further noted that the program has failed to demonstrate sustained improvement.

Such statistics support the recommendation to rescind the approval for ongoing admissions. The director has reported implementation of critical interventions to improve student achievement and program pass rates. Reducing the program enrollment will allow the program additional time to ensure maximum student achievement and improved program pass rates.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years. The program must demonstrate sustained improvement in its average annual pass rates. Failure to do so will result in scheduling of the program for Board action.

Effective July 19, 2011:

24. Healthcare College of California Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Replace a Class (Director: Milva Quial, Stockton, San Joaquin County - Private)

The Healthcare College of California Vocational Nursing Program, also known as Nursing Care Provider School, Stockton, Vocational Nursing Program, requests approval to admit a full – time class of 20 students on July 19, 2011, graduating May 20, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** a class that graduated on December 30, 2010.

The EO **deferred** action on the Healthcare College of California Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 20 students commencing July 19, 2011 only, with a projected date of graduation of May 20, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated on December 30, 2010, for consideration by the Board at the September 9, 2011 meeting; **and continued** the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The previously stated, the program had 149 candidates take the licensure exam. Seventy-five (75) candidates have passed and 74 have failed. Of the 13 quarters that the program has had candidates take the licensure exam, the program has only had two (2) reported average annual pass rates that were marginally within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate. As such, eleven (11) quarters have been significantly below the state average annual pass rate. Currently, the quarterly pass rate is 56% and the average annual pass rate is 55%.

The program has recently revised their admission criteria, remediation policy related to student's poor performance, initiated mandatory NCLEX review, oral interviews to determine students readiness for NCLEX, and initiation of ATI testing. These measures were taken to address the program's unacceptably low pass rate performance. Currently, the program has a class of 14 students enrolled.

The program has submitted documentation indicating it has the resources i.e., faculty and facilities, necessary to support the requested students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

25. St. Jude Healthcare Education Center Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Begin a Part-Time Program (Director: Marjorie Yumul, Glendale, Los Angeles County, Private)

St. Jude Healthcare Education Center Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to begin a Part-Time program. The Part-time program would use the existing curriculum for the full-time program, however, instead of 55 weeks; the part-time program will be 90 weeks. The overall hours would remain unchanged.

The EO **deferred** action on the St. Jude Healthcare Education Center Vocational Nursing Program's request to begin a Part-time program utilizing the same curriculum as the full-time program for consideration by the Board at the September 9, 2011 meeting **and require** the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has only had one (1) class graduate to date. The first class graduated ten (10) students. Of the ten (10) graduates, four (4) took the licensure examination. One (1) of the four (4) passed the NCLEX-PN®. As such, 25% passed and 75% failed. Approving the program's request to elongate the program may benefit the students; however the program needs to research possible internal deficiencies that may be impacting student success on the licensure examination.

In an attempt to decrease student drop-outs, increase student study time and promote retention of subjects taught, the director extended the curriculum for the full-time (1 year) class to a 90 week part-time class without prior Board approval. A notice of violation was issued to the program and a plan to prevent a future re-occurrence was requested to be submitted by July 15, 2011. The program director stated she thought since she submitted the request to start a part-time program to the Board and was in communication with the NEC that the part-time program was approved. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue

to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

Effective August 19, 2011:

26. Antelope Valley College, Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Karen Cowell, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, Community College)

The Antelope Valley College, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students on August 22, 2011; graduating August 3, 2012, to **replace** students that graduated August 5, 2011.

The Executive Officer **approved** Antelope Valley College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on August 22, 2011; graduating August 3, 2012, only, to **replace** students that graduated August 5, 2011; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The average annual pass rates for the program have fluctuated from 43% to 86% over the last eleven (11) quarters. During quarter four (4) of 2009, the program's licensure pass rates fell to 46%. The 2010 quarters, continued to remain low, i.e., 43%, 46%, 47%, and 57%. Over the most current two (2) quarters of 2011, the program licensure pass rates have risen to 82% and 86%. The program's average annual pass rate is currently ten (10) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. Approving the replacement class is warranted based on the programs recent increase in pass rates. Additionally, requiring the program to continue to request classes is warranted based on the previous five (5) quarters of low pass rates.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program pass rates by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

27. Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Laurie McDonald, Moreno Valley, Riverside County, Private)

The Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 25 students commencing August 29, 2011. The proposed class is projected to graduate December 12, 2012.

The Executive Officer **deferred** action on Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 25 students commencing August 29, 2011, to the full Board at the September 9, 2011 meeting.

Rationale: The Board remains extremely concerned about the program's performance statistics. On April 21, 2011, the Executive Officer denied the program's request to admit a class of 50 students and approved the admission of a class of 25 students. At that time, the director reported development and implementation of interventions to enhance student achievement. The director reported that the effectiveness of these interventions would be demonstrated by statistics from the April 8, 2011 graduates.

Based on reported enrollment data, the program graduated a class of 31 students on April 8, 2011. To date, one (1) candidate from that class has tested; that candidate failed.

Since the program's initial accreditation on September 3, 2009, the program has graduated 43 students. Thirteen (13) program graduates have taken the NCLEX/PN[®]. Of those tested, seven (7) candidates passed; six (6) failed. During the last four (4) quarters, a total of four (4) program candidates tested; four (4) candidates failed, bringing the program's average annual pass rate from 64% to 0%.

In addition, at its next full Board meeting, the Board will consider placement of the program on provisional accreditation due to noncompliance with section 2530(l) of the California Code of Regulations (failure to maintain an average annual pass rate that is no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.) Currently, the state average annual pass rate is 76%.

In light of all these factors, the Executive Officer believes it to be appropriate that the full Board consider the request to admit students.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

28. College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Admit Students
(Director: Donna Stretter, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)

The director of the College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 30 students and three (3) alternates into the part – time class commencing August 23, 2011 and graduating January 12, 2013.

The Executive Officer **approved** the College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program request to admit 30 students and three (3) alternates to the part – time class commencing August 23, 2011 and graduating January 12, 2013, only.; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Historically, the programs average annual licensure pass rates have been extremely poor, 44%, 58%, 50%, 50% and 60%. Subsequent to this data, the program licensure pass rates fell to 0% for four (4) quarters. It is important to note, that during this period the program had no candidates testing. Quarter one (1) of 2011, was significantly better. The average annual pass rate was 92%. The most recent quarter is 75%. Currently the program's average annual pass rate is one (1) percentage point below the state average annual pass rate. Based on the most recent two (2) quarter licensure data results, approval of the class of 30 students is warranted.

The program has the resources to support the students requested. Board staff will monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly.

29. Cuesta College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Marcia Scott, San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was submitted by the Cuesta College Vocational Nursing Program on November 19, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Two (2) violations were identified.

The program requests approval to admit 30 students each year, to **replace** graduating students.

The Executive Officer **approved** continued full accreditation for the Cuesta College Vocational Nursing Program for the four – year period from April 12, 2011, through April 11, 2015, directed issuance of a certificate accordingly; **and approved** the program's ongoing admission of 30 students annually, effective May 25, 2012 only, to **replace** graduating students.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's noncompliance with existing statutes and regulatory requirements. As noted previously, the program failed to notify the Board of the 2007 terminations of two (2) faculty members. Further, the program has admitted four (4) classes of 30 students without obtaining Board approval prior to each admission. The program has submitted acceptable plans to correct the violations and prevent reoccurrences.

It is noted that the program has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX/PN[®] that has exceeded the state average annual pass rate for twelve (12) of the past fourteen (14) quarters. Based on the most recent performance statistics, the program's average annual pass rate of 83% is seven (7) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. Such sustained performance supports the recommendation to approve ongoing admissions.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

30. Modesto Junior College Vocational Nursing Program, also known as Emanuel MJC Vocational Nursing Program and Emanuel Turlock Vocational Nursing Program - Report of Program Closure (Director: Katherine Pedrazzi, Modesto, Stanislaus, Community College)

The director of the Modesto Junior College Vocational Nursing Program, also known as Emanuel MJC Vocational Nursing Program and Emanuel Turlock Vocational Nursing Program, has notified the Board of the program's closure.

The Board granted initial approval of the Emanuel Turlock Vocation Nursing Program on March 13, 1992. In 1993, the program was granted initial full accreditation.

On September 10, 2002, the Board was notified of an official partnership between Modesto Junior College and Emanuel Turlock Adult School Vocational Nursing Program. Additionally, the program was renamed Emanuel MJC Vocational Nursing Program.

On May 5, 2009, the Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for the Modesto Junior College Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from May 5, 2009 through May 4, 2013, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly.

On August 17, 2011, the Board received correspondence dated August 8, 2011, from the director advising that the program would graduate its last class on August 18, 2011. As presented, that decision is a result of the program's lack of school or grant funding. The director requested that all future communications be directed to Dr. Maurice McKinnon, Dean of Allied Health at Modesto Junior College (mckinnonm@mjc.edu).

The Executive Officer removed the Modesto Junior College Vocational Nursing Program, also known as Emanuel MJC Vocational Nursing Program and Emanuel Turlock Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's list of *Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools*.

31. Valley School of Allied Health, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Jones, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 20 students on August 22, 2011, graduating September 22, 2012, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate August 12, 2011.

The Executive Officer **approved** Valley School of Allied Health request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on August 22, 2011, graduating September 22, 2012, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate August 12, 2011; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The average **annual** pass rate increased from **49** percent to **61** percent, since the program was placed on Provisional Accreditation at the September 16, 2010 Board meeting. Additionally, the program is required to submit a comprehensive analysis by July 1, 2011.

To date, the program has had 129 candidates take the licensure examination. Of the 129 that tested, sixty-nine (69) passed and sixty (60) failed. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.