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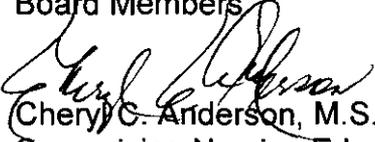
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DATE: February 6, 2012

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SUBJECT: Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Minnie Douglas, South Gate, Los Angeles County, Private)

On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Accreditation for the two – year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, and directed issuance of a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations which states:

"The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period.

- (1) Failure to maintain the required yearly average minimum pass rate for two years or eight consecutive quarters may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation."

The program was required to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by **February 28, 2013**.

The Board **rescinded** the program's approval for **ongoing admissions**, including the admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum admission of 45 students per class; and **approved** the program's admission of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011. The program was required to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Additionally, the program was required to show documented progress by submitting follow-up reports in ten (10) months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**. The Board specified that failure to show progress may be cause for reconsideration of the program's provisional accreditation.

In August 2011, the Board received program correspondence requesting approval to admit 45 students commencing October 17, 2011, and graduating September 21, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the part – time class that graduated in August 2011.

On October 24, 2011, the Executive Officer deferred action on the program's request for consideration by the Board at the February 24, 2012 Board meeting. That action was based on the program's pass rate statistics. The consultant notified the director of the decision.

History of Prior Board Actions

- On May 12, 2006, the Executive Officer approved Advanced College's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 45 students commencing July 10, 2006, only; and approved the program curriculum for 1536 hours, including 580 theory, and 956 clinical hours.
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Subsequently, the Board received notification that commencement of the initial class had been delayed until October 2, 2006, to allow sufficient time for candidate testing. The revised date of graduation is projected for September 14, 2007.

- On June 5, 2007, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program for the four – year period, June 5, 2007, through June 4, 2011, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of 45 students commencing October 1, 2007, to **replace** students graduating September 14, 2007; **and** approved the admission of an additional class of 45 students to start on June 18, 2007 only, with a projected completion date of June 1, 2008, thereby increasing the frequency of admissions; **and** approved the program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes only, 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 pattern of admissions would be two (2) classes a year with a maximum of 45 students per class.
 - b) The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On December 12, 2007, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of 30 students starting January 14, 2008, with a projected completion of November 25, 2008, for one time only.
- On December 8, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of 45 students starting January 26, 2009, with a projected completion of January 10, 2010, to **replace** students graduating December 14, 2008. Additionally, the

program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes only, was approved with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's pattern of admissions is three (3) full-time classes per year with 45 students per class.
 - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- **On February 27, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**
 - On May 1, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rates for the past four (4) quarters. The director was requested to submit a written plan for improving the program's NCLEX-PN® pass rates by May 31, 2009.
 - On May 29, 2009, the Board received the program's plan to improve program pass rates.
 - On July 10, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rates for the past five (5) quarters.
 - **On August 5, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**
 - On November 18, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rates for the past six (6) quarters.
 - On December 8, 2010, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rates for more than eight (8) consecutive quarters. The following information was requested by December 23, 2010.
 - a. Current and projected enrollment.
 - b. Approved faculty.
 - c. Approved clinical facilities.
 - d. Clinical rotation schedule.
 - e. Analysis of the submitted corrective action plan.
 - On December 22, 2010, the Board received the program's response to the December 8, 2010 request.
 - January 13, 2011, the Supervising Nursing Education Consultant sent correspondence to the director requesting the submission of documents for Board presentation.

- On January 26, 2011, copies of the program's Performance Improvement Strategic Plan status report were received for dissemination to Board members.
- On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Accreditation for the two – year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, and directed issuance of a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. The program was required to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by **February 28, 2013**.

The Board **rescinded** the program's approval for **ongoing admissions**, including the admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum admission of 45 students per class; **approved** the program's admission of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011, and required the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Additionally, the program was required to show documented progress by submitting follow-up reports in 10 months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.

- a. Current Enrollment.
- b. Admission Criteria.
- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.
- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Remediation Policy.
- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

The Board specified that failure to show progress may be cause for reconsideration of the program's provisional accreditation. The program was required to comply with all accreditation standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2526.

Reconsideration of the program's provisional accreditation was scheduled for the **February 2013** Board meeting.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's non-compliance with regulations relative to pass rates on the NCLEX-PN®.

The program has reported the admission of 314 students from initial accreditation through December 31, 2010. Of the total admitted, 141 students have graduated. **Of the total program graduates, 92% have completed the NCLEX/PN; 38% of those tested through the most recent reporting period passed; 62% failed.** Based on these statistics, rescission of the Board's prior approval for the program's ongoing admission of 45 students three (3) times each year is prudent.

The program has reported improvement in its pass rate performance. It must be noted that while some improvement has occurred, the program's average annual pass rates remain markedly noncompliant with regulatory requirements. Specifically, the program's average annual pass rates have been more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for eleven (11) consecutive quarters.

- On April 5, 2011, the Board forwarded to the program, per certified and regular mail, the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status.
- On April 14, 2011, the Board received the program's signed Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status. The document was signed by the program director on April 8, 2011.
- On October 24, 2011, the Executive Officer deferred action on the program's request to admit students to the Board for consideration at the February 24, 2012 meeting. That decision was based on the program's pass rate statistics. The consultant notified the director of the decision per telephone.
- On January 13, 2012, the assigned consultant telephoned the director relative to the absence of the required follow – up report. Submission of the report was directed by the Board on February 25, 2011.
- On January 18, 2012, the Board received electronic correspondence from the director stating her inability to "locate a document requesting information to the BVNPT by December 1, 2011."
- On January 24, 2012, the Board forwarded electronic correspondence referring the director to the April 5, 2011 Notice of Change in Accreditation status.

Enrollment

The program offers a full – time course of instruction that is 48 weeks in length. Board approval is required prior to the admission of additional students. The pattern of admissions for projected classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The following table represents **current and projected** student enrollment based on class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 76 students** for the period from **January 2008 through February 2012**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Completed			
1/08		31	20	20
6/08		29	19	20 + 19 = 39
9/08		28	19	39 + 19 = 58
	12/08 (1/08 Class)		-20	58 - 20 = 38
2/09		32	27	38 + 27 = 65
	5/09 (6/08 Class)		-19	65 - 19 = 46
6/09		37	25	46 + 25 = 71
	9/09 (9/08 Class)		-19	71 - 19 = 52
9/09		30	10	52 + 10 = 62
	1/10 (2/09 Class)		-27	62 - 27 = 35
1/10		40	29	35 + 29 = 64
	5/10 (6/09 Class)		-25	64 - 25 = 39
6/10		37	22	39 + 22 = 61
	9/10 (9/09 Class)		-10	61 - 10 = 51
9/10		44	25	51 + 25 = 76
	1/11 (1/10 Class)		-29	76 - 29 = 47
1/11		44	19	47 + 19 = 66
	5/11 (6/10 Class)		-22	66 - 22 = 44
6/11		37	24	44 + 24 = 68
	8/11 (9/10 Class)		-25	68 - 25 = 43
	12/11 (1/11 Class)		-19	43 - 19 = 24
2/12 (Proposed)		45		24 + 45 = 69

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by the Pearson Vue and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction" for the period April 2008 through December 2011, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical (Vocational) Nurses (NCLEX-PN®).

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data						
Quarterly Statistics				Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate
Apr – Jun 2008	4	0	0%	75%	62%	75%
Jul – Sep 2008	3	2	67%	70%	63%	74%
Oct – Dec 2008	7	1	14%	73%	45%	73%
Jan – Mar 2009	16	4	25%	70%	23%	72%
Apr – Jun 2009	10	5	50%	71%	33%	70%
Jul – Sep 2009	12	7	58%	74%	38%	72%
Oct – Dec 2009	14	6	43%	76%	42%	73%
Jan – Mar 2010	19	7	37%	76%	45%	74%
Apr – Jun 2010	18	9	50%	74%	46%	75%
Jul – Sep 2010	10	3	30%	76%	41%	75%
Oct – Dec 2010	17	5	29%	77%	38%	76%
Jan – Mar 2011	23	11	48%	82%	41%	77%
Apr – Jun 2011	11	5	45%	71%	39%	76%
Jul – Sep 2011	21	16	76%	74%	51%	77%
Oct – Dec 2011	26	17	65%	74%	60%	75%

*The Annual Pass Rate changes every quarter. It is calculated by dividing the number of candidates who passed during the current and previous three quarters by the number of candidates who tested during the same period. If no data is available for the relevant period, the statistic is carried over from the last quarter for which data is available.

Based on the most current data available (October – December 2012), the program's average annual pass rate is 60%. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from accredited vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time is 75%. The average annual pass rate for Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program is 15 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

Section 2534 (d) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"For supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor."

The number of Board - approved faculty totals thirteen (13), including the program director. The director has 80% administrative and 20% teaching duties. Of the total faculty, thirteen (13) are approved to teach in the clinical area.

Based on a maximum enrollment of 76 students, five (5) instructors are needed. Therefore, the number of current faculty is adequate for the current and proposed enrollment.

Section 2534 (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"Schools shall have clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of patients treated, to provide clinical experience for all students in the areas specified by Section 2533. There must be available for student assignment, an adequate daily census of patients to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught."

The program has clinical facilities that are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives, in accordance with Section 2534 (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

Other Considerations

Advanced College, South Gate, was approved to commence a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 45 students effective July 10, 2006. Subsequently, the program elected to delay commencement of the initial class to October 2, 2006. The program admitted 31 students. Of the total admitted, 65% (twenty (20) students) were graduated September 14, 2007.

During the period January – March 2008, program performance statistics published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing specify that eight (8) program graduates completed the NCLEX/PN[®]. It is important to note that of the total program graduates from the initial class, 40% completed the NCLEX/PN[®]. Of the total tested, seven (7) graduates passed for an average annual pass rate of 89%. Since that time, the program's average annual pass rates have declined markedly.

On May 1, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters. The director was requested to submit a plan for improving the program's pass rates by Friday, May 31, 2009.

On May 29, 2009, the program's plan of correction was received. Subsequently, implementation of the submitted plan was confirmed.

On July 10, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for the past five (5) quarters. **On August 5, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**

On November 18, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for six (6) consecutive quarters.

On December 8, 2010, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for more than eight (8) consecutive quarters. The director was advised that the Board was scheduled to consider placement of the program on provisional accreditation at the February 24, 2011 Board meeting. Information was requested relative to the program's current and projected enrollment, current faculty and clinical facilities, clinical rotation schedule, and an analysis of the program's corrective action plan.

On December 22, 2010, the Board received the program's response to the December 8, 2010 request. On January 26, 2011, copies of the program's report relative to the status of its Performance Improvement Strategic Plan were received. As presented therein, the program cited the economic crisis as the genesis of its declining pass rates. Further, the program reported implementation of the following interventions.

➤ ***Reduce the Time Elapsed Between Graduation and Candidate Testing***

The program reported that graduates delay testing for periods up to nine (9) months after graduation due to inadequate finances.

Intervention: The program elected to include costs related to students' applications for licensure in the total cost for the program.

➤ **Instructional Methods and Materials.**

The submitted plan specified that students reported working increasingly more hours. As a result, students had a decreased amount of time available for accomplishment of the required theory and clinical education.

Intervention: The program reported the following steps.

1. Each student was provided a laptop computer.
2. The program opened a computer laboratory to assist students to prepare for completing the NCLEX/PN®.
3. The director reported revision of the curriculum to improve the correlation of theory and clinical instruction.
4. An Assistant Director has been hired. Further, the program has increased its utilization of full – time instructors.

➤ **Evaluation of Student Achievement.**

As presented, the program identified that clear measurable evaluations of student progress were required.

Intervention: The program reported the following steps.

1. The director reported revision of the program's Grading, Make Up, and Remediation Policies. Consistency of application was monitored closely.
2. Students are placed on Remediation when grades fall below 75% anytime during the term.
3. Students are placed on Probation for continued failure to meet program expectations regarding theory grades and attendance.
4. The director reported evaluation of all students with Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) instruments after completion of all other program requirements. As reported, the program hired three (3) ATI coordinators, each with a Bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field.
5. Students are required to pass a competency – based exit examination prior to graduation.
6. Students are provided an NCLEX/PN® review at no additional costs.

At that time, the director reported improvement in the program's performance statistics. However, the reported improvement was not substantiated by published program performance statistics. The Board disseminates this information on a quarterly basis to all accredited and approved vocational nursing programs.

On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the program on Provisional Accreditation for the two - year period from February 25, 2011, through February 28, 2013. (See Attachment A) **At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 38%, 38 percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.**

The program was required to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by February 28, 2013. The Board **rescinded** the program's approval for **ongoing admissions**, including the admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum admission of 45 students per class. The Board approved the program's admission of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011. The program was required to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Additionally, the program was required to show documented progress by submitting **follow – up reports** in ten (10) months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**

On April 5, 2011, the Board forwarded to the program, per certified and regular mail, the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status. That document specified the areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction. (See Attachment B)

On April 14, 2011, the Board received the program's signed Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status. The Acknowledgement contained the signature of the director and was dated April 8, 2011. (See Attachment C)

In August 2011, the Board received program correspondence requesting approval to admit 45 students commencing October 17, 2011, and graduating September 21, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the part – time class that graduated in August 2011.

On October 24, 2011, the Executive Officer deferred action on the program's request for consideration by the Board at the February 24, 2012 Board meeting. That action was based on the program's pass rate statistics, **quarterly pass rate - 45%; average annual pass rate - 39%**. The consultant notified the director of the decision.

As noted previously, the Board directed that the program submit a follow – up report relative to a comprehensive analysis of employed corrections and their effectiveness by December 1, 2011.

Given the foregoing, the following violation of the California Rules and Regulations is identified.

Section 2527(b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“The Board shall require such reports by schools and conduct such investigations as necessary to determine whether or not accreditation will be continued.”

Violation #1: The program failed to submit a follow – up report required by Corrective Action #2, as specified in the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status, dated April 5, 2011.

On April 5, 2011, the Board forwarded to the program, per certified and regular mail, a Notice of Change in Accreditation Status. That document specified areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction, in accordance with Board decisions rendered February 25, 2011. As specified therein, the program was required to submit follow – up reports in 10 months, but no later than December 1, 2011, and 22 months, but no later than December 1, 2012.

On April 14, 2011, the Board received the program's signed Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status. The document was dated April 8, 2011 and signed by the program director.

Plan of Correction #1: This violation **has not been corrected**. On January 13, 2012, the assigned consultant telephoned the director relative to the absence of the required report. On January 18, 2012, the Board received electronic correspondence stating the program's inability to "locate a document requesting information to the BVNPT by December 1, 2011." On January 25, 2012, the Board forwarded electronic correspondence referring the director to the April 5, 2011 Notice of Change in Accreditation Status.

To date, the required report has not been received.

In summary, previously reported statistics published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing evidence the program's failure to maintain an average annual pass rate that is compliant with regulatory requirements for 15 consecutive quarters. At the time of placement on Provisional Accreditation, the program's average annual pass rate was 38%. Since that time, improvement is identified; however, sustained improvement has not been realized.

Based on the most current reporting period (October – December 2011), the program's quarterly pass rate is 65%, and the average annual pass rate is 60%. It is noted that the statistics from the current reporting period confirm an increase of 22 percentage points. However, it is also noted that the program's current **average annual pass rate is 15 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. Additionally, the program has failed to comply with Corrective Action #2 specified in the Board's April 5, 2011 notice.**

Recommendations:

1. Deny Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 45 students commencing February 27, 2012.
2. Contingent on the program's submission of the follow – up report required by Corrective Action #2 in the Board's April 5, 2011 notice, approve the program's admission of 25 students. Delegate to the Executive Officer discretionary authority to determine whether any submission by the school adequately addresses the required corrective action and whether the contingency was met. Delegate to the Executive Officer the authority, after the contingency is met, to determine the dates for class commencement and graduation.
3. Continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has failed to maintain an average annual pass rate that is compliant with regulatory requirements for 15 consecutive quarters. At the time of placement on Provisional Accreditation, the program's average annual pass rate was 38%. The program has failed to maintain sustained improvement since that time.

Based on the most current reporting period (October – December 2011), the program's **quarterly** pass rate is **65%**; its **average annual pass rate is 60%**. Given the foregoing statistics, the program's average annual pass rate has improved 22 percentage points since placement on provisional accreditation. However, it is also noted that **the program's current average annual pass rate remains 15 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.**

Further, the program has failed to comply with corrective actions required by the Board at the time of placement on provisional accreditation and specified in the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status, dated April 5, 2011. Specifically, the program has failed to submit the required follow – up report.

These factors support approval of program admissions. However, the approval and admission of a large number of students may negatively impact the program's improved performance.

Denial of the proposed number of students and the approval of a smaller class will allow the program the time required to fully evaluate the effectiveness of reported interventions to improve student achievement, implement necessary modifications, monitor their effectiveness, remediate students with demonstrated knowledge deficits, and sustain the identified improvement.

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, analyzing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

Attachment A: Board Report Dated February 9, 2011.

Attachment B: Notification of Change in Accreditation Status Dated April 5, 2011.

Attachment C: Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status Dated April 8, 2011; Received April 14, 2011.

Agenda Item #14.B.1. Attachment A



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SUBJECT: Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Placement on Provisional Accreditation (Director: Minnie Douglas, South Gate, Los Angeles County, Private)

Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program is presented to the Board for consideration of placement on provisional accreditation.

In accordance with Section 2526.1(c) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations,

“The Board may place any program on provisional accreditation when a program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Section 2526...”

Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

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- (1) Failure to maintain the required yearly average minimum pass rate for two years or eight consecutive quarters may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation.”

The following table shows the variance of the program's pass rates from the state average annual pass rates of first time graduates of accredited vocational nursing programs for the past eleven (11) quarters. This data substantiates the program's noncompliance with Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Pass Rates			
Quarter	State Annual Average Pass Rate	Program Annual Average Pass Rate	Variance from State Annual Average Pass Rate
Apr - Jun 2008	75%	62%	-13
Jul - Sep 2008	74%	63%	-11
Oct - Dec 2008	73%	45%	-28
Jan - Mar 2009	72%	23%	-49
Apr - Jun 2009	70%	33%	-37
Jul - Sep 2009	72%	38%	-34
Oct - Dec 2009	73%	42%	-31
Jan - Mar 2010	74%	45%	-29
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- **On February 27, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**
- On May 1, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past four (4) quarters. The program was requested to submit a written plan for improving their NCLEX-PN® pass rates by May 31, 2009.
- On May 29, 2009, the Board received the program's plan to improve program pass rates.
- On July 10, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past five (5) quarters.
- **On August 5, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**
- On November 18, 2009, the program was notified that its annual average pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past six (6) quarters.
- On December 8, 2010, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for more than eight (8) consecutive quarters. The following information was requested by December 23, 2010.
 - a. Current and projected enrollment.
 - b. Approved faculty.
 - c. Approved clinical facilities.
 - d. Clinical rotation schedule.
 - e. Analysis of the submitted corrective action plan.
- On December 22, 2010, the Board received the program's response to the December 8, 2010 request.

- January 13, 2011, the Supervising Nursing Education Consultant sent correspondence to the director requesting the submission of documents for Board presentation.
- On January 26, 2011, copies of the program's Performance Improvement Strategic Plan status report were received for dissemination to Board members.

Enrollment

The program offers a full – time course of instruction that is 48 weeks in length. The program is approved to admit three (3) classes of 45 students each year. The pattern of admissions for projected classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The following table represents **current and projected** student enrollment based on class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 134 students** for the period from **January 2008 through August 2011**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Completed			
1/08		31	20	20
6/08		29	19	20 + 19 = 39
9/08		31	22	39 + 22 = 61
	12/08 (1/08 Class)		-20	61 – 20 = 41
2/09		32	23	41 + 23 = 64
	5/09 (6/08 Class)		-19	64 – 19 = 45
6/09		38	25	45 + 25 = 70
	9/09 (9/08 Class)		-22	70 – 22 = 48
9/09		32	9	48 + 9 = 57
	1/10 (2/09 Class)		-23	57 – 23 = 34
1/10		31	23	34 + 23 = 57
	5/10 (6/09 Class)		-25	57 – 25 = 32
6/10		45	33	32 + 33 = 65
	9/10 (9/09 Class)		-9	65 – 9 = 56
9/10		45	41	56 + 41 = 97
	1/11 (1/10 Class)		-23	97 – 23 = 74
1/11		45	45	74 + 45 = 119
	5/11 (6/10 Class)		-34	119 – 34 = 85
5/11 (Projected)		45		85 + 45 = 130

ENROLLMENT DATA			
CLASS DATES	#Students	#Students	Total Enrolled
	8/11 (9/10 Class)	-41	130 - 41 = 89
8/11 (Projected)	45		89 + 45 = 134

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by the Pearson Vue and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction" for the period April 2008 through December 2010, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical (Vocational) Nurses (NCLEX-PN®).

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data						
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*	
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate
Apr - Jun 2008	4	0	0%	75%	62%	75%
Jul - Sep 2008	3	2	67%	70%	63%	74%
Oct - Dec 2008	7	1	14%	73%	45%	73%
Jan - Mar 2009	16	4	25%	70%	23%	72%
Apr - Jun 2009	10	5	50%	71%	33%	70%
Jul - Sep 2009	12	7	58%	74%	38%	72%
Oct - Dec 2009	14	6	43%	76%	42%	73%
Jan - Mar 2010	19	7	37%	76%	45%	74%
Apr - Jun 2010	18	9	50%	74%	46%	75%
Jul - Sep 2010	10	3	30%	76%	41%	75%
Oct - Dec 2010	17	5	29%	77%	38%	76%

*The Annual Pass Rate changes every quarter. It is calculated by dividing the number of candidates who passed during the current and previous three quarters by the number of candidates who tested during the same period.

Based on the most current data available (October - December 2010), the program's average annual pass rate is 38%. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from accredited vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time is 76%. The average annual pass rate for Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program is 38 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

Section 2534(d) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"For supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor."

The program's Board - approved faculty totals 17, including the program director. The director has 100% administrative duties. Of the total faculty, 13 are approved to teach in the clinical area.

Based on a maximum enrollment of 135 students, nine (9) instructors are needed. Therefore, the number of current faculty is adequate for the current and proposed enrollment.

Section 2534 (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"Schools shall have clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of patients treated, to provide clinical experience for all students in the areas specified by Section 2533. There must be available for student assignment, an adequate daily census of patients to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught."

The program has clinical facilities that are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives, in accordance with Section 2534 (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. This information has been verified by the consultant.

Other Considerations

Advanced College, South Gate, was approved to commence a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 45 students effective July 10, 2006. Subsequently, the program elected to delay commencement of the initial class to October 2, 2006. The program admitted 31 students. Of the total admitted, 65% (twenty (20) students) were graduated September 14, 2007.

During the period January – March 2008, program performance statistics published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing specify that eight (8) program graduates completed the NCLEX/PN®. It is important to note that of the total program graduates from the initial class, 40% completed the NCLEX/PN®. Of the total tested, seven (7) graduates passed for an average annual pass rate of 89%. Since that time, the program's average annual pass rates have declined markedly.

On May 1, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters. The director was requested to submit a plan for improving the program's pass rates by Friday, May 31, 2009.

On May 29, 2009, the program's plan of correction was received. Subsequently, implementation of the submitted plan was confirmed.

On July 10, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past five (5) quarters. **On August 5, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**

On November 18, 2009, the program was notified that its annual average pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past six (6) quarters.

On December 8, 2010, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for more than eight (8) consecutive quarters. The director was advised that the Board was scheduled to consider placement of the program on provisional accreditation at the February 24, 2011 Board meeting. Information was requested relative the program's current and projected enrollment, current faculty and clinical facilities, clinical rotation schedule, and an analysis of the program's corrective action plan. (See Attachment A)

On December 22, 2010, the Board received the program's response to the December 8, 2010 request. On January 26, 2011, copies of the program's Performance Improvement Strategic Plan status were received (see Attachment B). As presented therein, the program cited the economic crisis as the genesis of its declining pass rates. Implementation of the following interventions was reported.

➤ ***Reduce the Time Elapsed Between Graduation and Candidate Testing***

The program reported that graduates delay testing for periods up to nine (9) months after graduation due to inadequate finances.

Intervention: The program elected to include costs related to students' applications for licensure in the total cost for the program.

➤ **Instructional Methods and Materials.**

The submitted plan specified that students reported working increasingly more hours. As a result, students had decreased time available for accomplishment of the required theory and clinical education.

Intervention: The program reported the following steps.

1. Each student was provided a laptop computer.
2. The program opened a computer laboratory to assist students to prepare for completing the NCLEX/PN®.
3. The director reported revision of the curriculum to improve the correlation of theory and clinical instruction.
4. An Assistant Director has been hired. Further, the program has increased its utilization of full – time instructors.

➤ **Evaluation of Student Achievement.**

As presented, the program identified that clear measurable evaluations of student progress were required.

Intervention: The program reported the following steps.

1. The director reported revision of the program's Grading, Make Up, and Remediation Policies. Consistency of application was monitored closely.
2. Students are placed on Remediation when grades fall below 75% anytime during the term.
3. Students are placed on Probation for continued failure to meet program expectations regarding theory grades and attendance.
4. The director reported evaluation of all students with Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) instruments after completion of all other program requirements. As reported, the program hired three (3) ATI coordinators, each with a Bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field.
5. Students are required to pass a competency – based exit examination prior to graduation.
6. Students are provided an NCLEX/PN® review at no additional costs.

The director reported improvement in the program's performance statistics. It is important to note that the reported improvement is not substantiated by program performance statistics. The Board disseminates this information on a quarterly basis to all accredited and approved vocational nursing programs.

As noted previously, statistics published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing evidence a substantial decline in the program's average annual pass rates over the past eleven (11) consecutive quarters. Based on the most recent statistics, **the program's average annual pass rate is 38 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.**

Based on submitted information and the performance of program graduates on the NCLEX-PN® from April 2008 through December 2010, the following violation of the California Rules and Regulations is identified.

Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period.

- (1) Failure to maintain the required yearly average minimum pass rate for two years or eight consecutive quarters may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation.”**

Violation #1: The program’s average annual pass rate has been more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for eleven (11) consecutive quarters.

Submitted data substantiates that a total of 314 students were admitted to the program from initial accreditation through December 31, 2010. Of the total admitted, 141 students have graduated. As such, the program has graduated 45% of the students admitted. Of the total program graduates, 92% have completed the NCLEX/PN. Of the total program graduates tested through the most recent reporting period (October - December 2010), 38% passed; 62% failed.

Plan of Correction: This violation is **not corrected**. The violation will be corrected when the program’s pass rates improve consistent with regulatory requirements.

Recommendations:

1. Place Advanced College South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional accreditation for the two - year period from February 25, 2011, through February 28, 2013, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations (see Attachment C).
2. Require the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by February 28, 2013.
3. Require the program to show documented progress by submitting follow-up reports in 10 months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
 - a. Current Enrollment.

- b. Admission Criteria.
- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.
- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Remediation Policy.
- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

Failure to show progress may be cause for reconsideration of provisional accreditation.

4. Schedule the program for reconsideration of provisional accreditation at the February 2013 Board meeting.
5. Rescind the program's approval for ongoing admissions, including the admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum admission of 45 students per class.
6. Approve the program's admission of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011.
7. Require the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.
8. Require the program to comply with all accreditation standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2526.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's non-compliance with regulations relative to pass rates on the NCLEX-PN®.

As noted previously, the program has reported the admission of 314 students from initial accreditation through December 31, 2010. Of the total admitted, 141 students have graduated. Of the total program graduates, 92% have completed the NCLEX/PN; 38% of those tested through the most recent reporting period passed; 62% failed. Based on these statistics, rescission of the Board's prior approval for the program's ongoing admission of 45 students three (3) times each year is prudent.

The program has reported improvement in its pass rate performance. It must be noted that while some improvement has occurred, the program's average annual pass rates remain markedly noncompliant with regulatory requirements. Specifically, the program's average annual pass rates

have been more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for eleven (11) consecutive quarters.

Attachment A: Board correspondence dated December 8, 2010.

Attachment B: Program correspondence dated December 21, 2010; received December 23, 2010.

Attachment C: Draft Notice of Change in Accreditation Status.

Agenda Item #14.B.1. Attachment B



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April 5, 2011

Minnie Douglas, Ed. D., R.N., Director
Vocational Nursing Program
Advanced College
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Subject: Notice of Change in Accreditation Status

Dear Ms. Douglas:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on February 25, 2011, the status of the Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program has been changed from full accreditation to provisional accreditation for the two – year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013. Please sign and return the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status" form by **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE [VIOLATION(S)]

In accordance with Section 2526.1(c) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations,

"The Board may place any program on provisional accreditation when that program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Section 2526..."

Section 2530(l) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations states:

"The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period.

- (l) Failure to maintain the required yearly average minimum pass rate for two years or eight consecutive quarters may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation."

The program pass rates of the Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program for the past eleven (11) quarters are set forth in the following table.

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Pass Rates			
Quarter	State Annual Average Pass Rate	Program Annual Average Pass Rate	Variance from State Annual Average Pass Rate
Apr – Jun 2008	75%	62%	-13
Jul - Sep 2008	74%	63%	-11
Oct - Dec 2008	73%	45%	-28
Jan – Mar 2009	72%	23%	-49
Apr – Jun 2009	70%	33%	-37
Jul - Sep 2009	72%	38%	-34
Oct – Dec 2009	73%	42%	-31
Jan – Mar 2010	74%	45%	-29
Apr – Jun 2010	75%	46%	-29
Jun – Sep 2010	75%	41%	-34
Oct – Dec 2010	76%	38%	-38

Based on this data, the program failed to meet the annual average pass rate requirement.

REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)

1. The Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program must bring its licensure examination annual average pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State annual average pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by **February 28, 2013**.

2. The program must prepare and submit a written plan to improve its pass rates and make modifications to the plan as necessary based on the success or failure of the actions taken. Follow – up reports must be submitted in 10 months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
 - a. Current Enrollment.
 - b. Admission Criteria.
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- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
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 - o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.
3. The program must cease the ongoing admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum of 45 students admitted per class.
4. The program is approved to admit a class of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011.
5. The program must admit no additional students unless specifically approved by the Board.
6. The program must comply with all accreditation standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2526.

Failure to take these corrective actions may cause the Board to revoke the program's accreditation. In the event additional violations of the accreditation standards are identified, such violations may result in further corrective action or revocation of provisional accreditation.

FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **February 2013** Board Meeting agenda for reconsideration of your accreditation status. The nursing education consultant assigned to your program will ask you to submit documentation of the correction of your violation(s) by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to that Board meeting.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be advised that, pursuant to the Board's regulations, the program will not be authorized to admit new classes beyond the established pattern of admissions previously approved by the Board. The established pattern of admissions approved by the Board is as follows: **Prior Board approval is required for the admission of each class.**

In the event your program is required to submit any report(s) as a corrective action pursuant to this notice, such reports are required in addition to any other reports required pursuant to 2527 of the Board's regulations.

The program may no longer advertise that it has full accreditation, and should take steps to correct any ongoing advertisements or publications in that regard.

A copy of title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 2526.1, regarding provisional accreditation is attached for your reference. A complete copy of the Board's laws and regulations can be found on the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Bello-Jones", is written over the typed name.

TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.
Executive Officer

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Enclosures

cc: Board Members



TITLE 16 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

Section 2526.1

2526.1. Provisional Accreditation.

- (a) Provisional accreditation means a program has not met all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Chapter 6.5, Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (b) Provisional accreditation shall be granted for a period determined by the Board.
- (c) The Board may place any program on provisional accreditation when that program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Section 2526. If the program has not met all requirements at the end of the initial provisional accreditation period, provisional accreditation may be extended if the program demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board a good faith effort to correct all deficiencies.
- (d) Any program holding provisional accreditation may not admit "new" classes beyond the established pattern of admissions previously approved by the Board. The admission pattern is defined by the number of students per class and the frequency of admissions for the six class admissions that immediately precede the Board action to consider provisional accreditation.
- (e) A program placed on provisional accreditation shall receive written notification from the Board. The notification to the program shall include specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction. A program's failure to correct delineated areas of noncompliance is cause for revocation of provisional accreditation.
- (f) A material misrepresentation of fact by a vocational nursing program in any information submitted to the Board is cause for revocation of provisional accreditation.
- (g) A program whose provisional accreditation has been revoked shall be removed from the Board's list of accredited programs. The status of students as potential applicants for licensure will be determined by the Board.
- (h) A program that is removed from the Board's list of accredited programs subsequent to Board action based on the program's non-compliance with applicable regulations shall not reapply to establish a vocational nursing program for a minimum period of one calendar year.



Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status

I, _____, director of _____
(Director's Name) Name of Program)

hereby acknowledge that this program's status has been changed from full accreditation to provisional accreditation. I understand that in accordance with Section 2526.1 (f) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and Section 2581.1 (f) of the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations, the Board will consider any advertisement of full accreditation while on provisional accreditation as "material misrepresentation of fact". "Material misrepresentation of fact" may lead to revocation of the program's accreditation. Further, I understand the program's provisional accreditation status will be reflected on the Board's internet website.

Please complete and return this form to the Board by **April 15, 2011.**

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Signature of Director)

(Date)



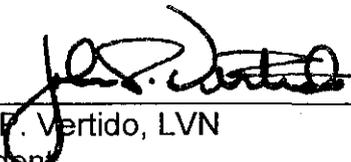
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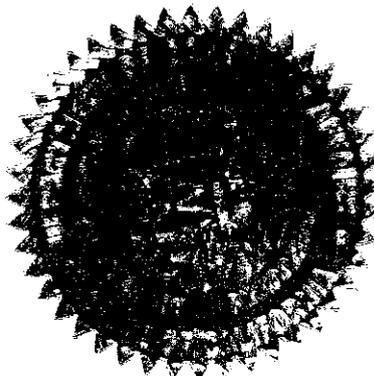
ADVANCED COLLEGE Vocational Nursing Program

This document reflects that the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) has provisionally accredited the above-named program pursuant to Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations. A copy of documents related to the provisional accreditation may be obtained by contacting the Board at the address below. A candidate's completion of an accredited vocational nursing program is partial fulfillment of requirements for the vocational nurse licensure examination.

Effective: February 25, 2011



John P. Vertido, LVN
President



Expires: February 28, 2013



Teresa Bello-Jones
Executive Officer

Agenda Item #14.B.1. Attachment C



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Please complete and return this form to the Board by **April 15, 2011**.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Minnie Douglas, Ed.D., RN
(Signature of Director)

April 8, 2011
(Date)