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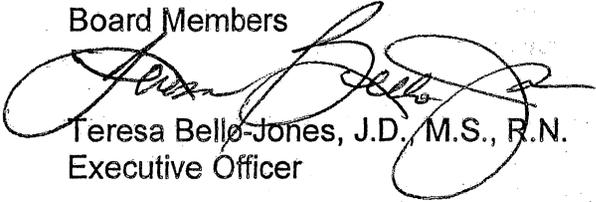
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SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs

The following is a summary of the Executive Officer's (EO) decisions for Vocational Nursing (VN) and Psychiatric Technician (PT) programs.

Effective September 19, 2013

1. **Advanced College VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Minnie Douglas, Los Angeles, Private)**

The Advanced College VN Program is requesting Board approval to admit a class of 30 students on January 13, 2014; graduating December 21, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate on January 12, 2014.

The EO approved Advanced College VN Program's request to admit 30 students on January 13, 2014 **only**, graduating December 21, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate on January 12, 2014. Additionally, the EO required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program was removed from provisional approval at the February 22, 2013 Board meeting and has maintained its average annual licensure pass rate to within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the most recent six (6) quarters.

The current and previous two (2) quarters had no candidates testing. As such, there is no new quarter data; however, the average annual pass rate is currently 78%. This is five (5) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. These statistics support the request to admit the requested class.

2. California Career Institute, Hawthorne – Request to Begin a VN Program (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, Private)

California Career Institute, Hawthorne, submitted a request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 30 students on September 23, 2013. The projected graduation date is May 9, 2015.

The proposed philosophy addresses the program's beliefs about characteristics of individuals, nursing, and education (see Attachment A).

The program's conceptual framework is comprised of the following concepts: Definition of Health According to the Wellness Model; Practice of Nursing According to the National League for Nursing; and Malcolm Knowles' Concept of Adult Learning (see Attachment B).

The full-time program is 78 weeks in length divided into three terms. Term 1 is 19 weeks long, Term 2 is 23 weeks in length and Term 3 is 36 weeks long. The students will have the following holidays: New Year's Day and Day After, President's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Day After, and Winter Recess (approximately last ten days in December).

Faculty includes the director and three (3) instructors. The director and instructors are approved to teach theory and in the clinical area.

The EO approved California Career Institute, Hawthorne's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial part-time class of 30 students on September 23, 2013, only, graduating May 9, 2015; and approved the program curriculum for 1574 hours, including 586 theory, and 988 clinical hours.

3. Career Development Institute VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Lily Lee-Martyn, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private)

On June 13, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the director of Career Development Institute VN Program requesting approval to admit 40 students into a **full-time** day class commencing October 7, 2013, and graduating November 14, 2014, to **replace** the class that graduated in June 2013.

The EO approved the Career Development Institute VN Program's request to admit 40 students into a full-time day class commencing October 7, 2013, **only**, graduating November 14, 2014, to **replace** the class that graduated in June 2013 **and** required the program director to perform an analysis of the program and submit a written report by **November 1, 2013**. That analysis and report should include a determination of the root causes for graduates of the program not taking the licensure examination in a timely manner. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Although the program has a 100% annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN®, the Board notes with concern that not all graduates have taken the licensure examination. Three classes graduated between October 2010 and August 2012, with a total of 21 graduates, but only 12 of those graduates have taken the licensure examination. For that reason, it is appropriate to require the program director to determine the root cause of graduates not taking the examination in a timely manner.

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

4. Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program –Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Lu Ping Gamble, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved the Concorde Career Institute, San Bernardino, VN Program's continued full approval for the four-year period from February 3, 2013 through February 2, 2017, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 42 students five (5) times per year, 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Bureau 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.

5. Curam College of Nursing VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Wayne Williams, Sacramento County, Private)

The Curam College of Nursing VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing October 1, 2013 with a projected graduation date of July 30, 2013.

The EO denied Curam College of Nursing VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on October 1, 2013 graduating July 30, 2014; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program's quarter pass rate is 0% and the average annual pass rate is 62%. As such, it is eleven (11) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. This data is based on the program's first graduating class.

The program's first class graduated 17 students in May 2012. 13 of the graduates have taken the licensure examination, to date. Four (4) graduates have not tested, to date. The Board advises the program to follow-up with the four (4) graduates that have not tested and encourage them to take the licensure examination as soon as possible.

Denying the requested class, at this time, will allow time for the program's second class of 18 graduates to take the licensure examination. This information will provide the Board with more data to make a decision relative to more students. The class of 18 graduated March 1, 2013. NCLEX data for this class is expected in quarter three (3) and four (4) of this year.

A class of 15 students was approved by the Board to begin July 22, 2013. The program admitted eight (8) students. In addition to the eight (8) students admitted in July, the program has a class of 10 students that will graduate on November 18, 2013. The total number of currently enrolled students is 18.

6. Everest College, Anaheim, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Linda Sperling, Anaheim, Orange County – Private)

The director of the Everest College, Anaheim, VN Program requests approval to admit a class of 40 students on October 14, 2013, to **replace** the class graduating on October 2, 2013. The proposed class will graduate on October 22, 2014.

The EO denied Everest College, Anaheim, VN Program's request to admit a class of 40 students on October 14, 2013, graduating October 22, 2014, to **replace** the

class graduating on October 2, 2013. The EO approved the program's admission of a class of 20 students on October 14, 2013, graduating October 22, 2014, to **replace** the class graduating on October 2, 2013; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students into both the full-time and the part-time classes.

Rationale: The program's annual average pass rate has been more than 10 points below the state average annual pass rate for the past five (5) quarters. As a result, the program is moving toward noncompliance with Section 2530(l) VN Rules and Regulations.

The program has made changes with the goal of improving the licensure examination pass rates. The results of those changes should begin to be seen in the class that graduates in October 2013. The proposed class will be the first class to be exposed to all elements of the programs plan of correction. The Board will monitor the program's pass rate very closely to determine if improvement in the pass rate is seen. The program has demonstrated sufficient resources to support the current, proposed, and projected student enrollment.

7. **Gavilan College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Karen Bedell, Gilroy, Santa Clara County, Community College)**

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Gavilan College VN Program in May 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Gavilan College VN Program for the four-year period from September 16, 2013 through September 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students each year, 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has consistently been above 90% for more than eight (8) quarters. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is **22 percentage points** above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Additionally, the program is in 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 the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

8. Hacienda La Puente Valley Adult Education PT Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Sharon Anderson, La Puente, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

In accordance with Section 4532 of the PT Law, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all psychiatric technician schools in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or visits determine program compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Hacienda La Puente Valley Adult Education PT Program in July 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Hacienda La Puente Adult Education PT Program for a four-year period from September 16, 2013, through September 15, 2017 and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students two (2) times per year, 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has been below the state average annual pass rate for seven (7) out of the past eight (8) quarters; however sixty-three (63) out of the eighty-one (81)

candidates who have tested in the past eight quarters have passed the licensure examination for a 78% overall pass rate. Additionally, it is reassuring that ten (10) out of the twelve (12) candidates who have tested thus far in 2013 passed the licensure examination.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Additionally, the program is in 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 the program's Annual Reports, and performing surveys for approval every four years.

9. Hacienda La Puente Adult Education VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Sharon Anderson, La Puente, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Hacienda La Puente Adult Education VN Program in July 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Hacienda La Puente Adult Education VN Program for a four-year period from September 16, 2013 through September 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students two (2) times per year, 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has consistently been above the state annual average pass rate. The program has

demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Additionally, the program is in 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 the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

10. Lompoc Adult School VN Program – Report of Program Closure (Director: Vacant, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, Adult School)

On September 4, 2013, the Board received electronic correspondence from Greg Halfman, Principal of the Lompoc Adult School, indicating that the vocational nursing program voluntarily closed on September 5, 2013, due to inability to sustain the program (see Attachment B & C). No students are currently enrolled.

The EO removed Lompoc Adult School VN Program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

Rationale: The director requested a replacement class in fall of 2012. On December 12, 2012, the Executive Officer approved the class. This class was not started. The director advised the Board that classes had been suspended indefinitely.

On September 5, 2013, the NEC spoke with the principal (Greg Halfman) of the Lompoc Adult School. He advised the NEC that no students are currently enrolled in classes in the Vocational Nursing program and the school had no plans of re-starting the vocational nursing program due to budget cuts.

11. Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Lynette Ferro; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California; Private)

Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program requests the following class approvals:

- Approval to admit 15 students into a full-time class beginning on September 23, 2013, and graduating on November 26, 2014, to **replace** the full-time class that is graduating on September 26, 2013.
- Approval to admit 15 students into a part-time class on December 5, 2013, and graduating on June 27, 2015, to **replace** the part-time class that is graduating on December 31, 2013.

The EO approved the program's request to admit 15 students into a full-time class beginning on September 23, 2013, **only**, and graduating on November 26, 2014, to **replace** the class that is graduating on September 26, 2013; **and** approved the program's admission of 15 students into a part-time class beginning on December

5, 2013, **only**, and graduating on June 27, 2015, to **replace** the class that is graduating on December 31, 2013; **and** continued to require the program to request each class admission.

Rationale: In the program's analysis submitted in August 2013, the director discussed issues that she believed caused a number of students to not successfully complete the program or to complete the program, but require extensive remediation. The director implemented changes in the program's admission, attendance, and remediation policies to address those issues.

The program's pass rate for the past two quarters has been 80% and 75% so a pattern of improvement seems to be beginning. Additionally, the program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed number of students requested. All of these factors support approving the class requests.

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

12. NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program- Request to Admit Students (Director: Roland Jaochico, South San Francisco, Private)

On August 7, 2013, the program director of NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program submitted a request to admit 40 students to a full time class commencing on October 28, 2013, to **replace** the class graduating on October 22, 2013. The proposed class is projected to graduate on October 22, 2014.

The EO approved the NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 40 students on October 28, 2013, **only; and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students into both the full-time and the part-time classes.

Rationale: The program's average annual licensure pass rate is above the state average annual licensure pass rate and there are program resources available to support the requested students.

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.

13. Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Emma Pacheco-Sanchez, Carson, Los Angeles County – Private School)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, VN Program in August 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, VN Program for the period September 16, 2013 through September 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include:
 - i. admission of one (1) class of 30 students two (2) times per year to the 52-week full-time program, only; and
 - ii. admission of one (1) class of 30 students two (2) times per year to the 18-month part-time program, 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions.

The Board is concerned with the downward trend of the program's licensure examination pass rate and 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.

14. Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Bernard Sanchez, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County - Private)

The director of the Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program requested approval to admit two (2) replacement classes, as follows:

A full-time class of 30 students on September 23, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on June 6, 2013. The requested class would graduate on September 30, 2014.

A part-time evening class of 30 students on October 14, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on July 21, 2013. The requested class would graduate on April 25, 2015.

The EO approved Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students on September 23, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on June 6, 2013. The requested class would graduate on September 5, 2014. The EO denied the program's request to admit a part-time evening class of 30 students on October 14, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on July 21, 2013. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board is concerned about the downward trend of the licensure examination pass rates and will monitor the pass rate closely. The pass rate began to rise during the last two quarters of 2012, but decreased in the first two quarters of 2013. Pass rate data from the graduating classes currently taking the NCLEX-PN® review course should be available in either the fourth quarter of 2013 or the first quarter of 2014. The Board will review those pass rates to determine if the pass rate is starting to improve before approving any further classes.

The Board staff will also monitor the program by reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

15. Premiere Career College, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Jennifer Ty De Guzman, Irwindale, Los Angeles County, Private)

Premiere Career College VN Program is requesting Board approval to admit a class of 15 students on September 23, 2013; graduating November 21, 2014. This class **replaces** students that graduated on August 30, 2013.

The EO approved Premiere Career College VN Program's request to admit a class of 15 students on September 16, 2013, only; graduating November 21, 2014. This class will **replace** students that graduated on August 30, 2013. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program currently has six (6) quarters of low licensure pass rates. The current average annual pass rate is **60%**. As such, it is **13 percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate. Over the course of the last six (6) quarters, the pass rate has fluctuated between 46% and 60%. The current quarter pass rate has increased from 40% to 85% and the average annual pass rate has risen from 49% to 60%. As such, this is an increase of 11 percentage points. Based on the increase in the quarter and average annual pass rate, the requested class is recommended.

16. Summit Career College, Anaheim, VN Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Renee Sheehan, Anaheim, Orange County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN 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 VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Summit College, Anaheim, VN Program in July 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Summit Career College, Anaheim, VN Program for a four-year period from September 17, 2013, through September 16, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** rescinded all previous approvals for ongoing admissions of full-time and part-time classes; **and** approved the projected full-time day class of 25 students to be admitted on September 23, 2013, graduating on September 19, 2014; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class. **This requirement supersedes the program's previous approvals for ongoing admissions.**

Additionally, the EO required the program director to perform an analysis of the program and submit a written report by **November 1, 2013**. That analysis and report should include a determination of the root causes of the graduates not being successful on the licensure examination and a plan of action to address each of those causes. The analysis should address the following elements of the program:

- a. Admission Criteria.
- b. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- c. Terminal Objectives.
- d. Curriculum Objectives.
- e. Instructional Plan.
- f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- g. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- h. Textbooks.
- i. Attendance Policy.
- j. Remediation Policy.

- k. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- l. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluation of Student Achievement.
- o. Current Enrollment

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations and has demonstrated the resources to support currently enrolled students.

It is prudent, however, due to the unstable annual licensure examination pass rate, to rescind ongoing admissions for the program and require the program to come to the Board to request each class admission. Admission of 25 students on September 23, 2013, is in compliance with the admission limitation imposed by ACCET.

Additionally, it is important that the new director of the program assess the program and identify weaknesses that need to be corrected to allow the program to consistently improve its licensure examination pass rate.

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.

17. University of Antelope Valley VN Program (formerly Antelope Valley Medical College) – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Elvie Ancheta, Lancaster, Los Angeles County – Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN 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 VN Rules and Regulations.

The University of Antelope Valley VN Program completed a Program Records Survey in July 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval of the University of Antelope Valley VN Program for the period September 16, 2013 through September 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include

admission of one (1) class of 30 students three (3) times per year to the full-time program, only; and admission of one (1) class of 30 students every 16 months to the 16-month part-time program, 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in its current pattern of admissions.

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.

18. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Karen Hall, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)

The West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time, evening, class of 20 students on September 30, 2013, graduating December 21, 2014 to **replace** students who will graduate on September 26, 2013.

The EO **denied** West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 20 students on September 30, 2013, graduating December 21, 2014, to **replace** students who will graduate on December 21, 2013; **and** approved West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 15 students on September 30, 2013, only, graduating December 21, 2014, to **replace** students who will graduate on December 21, 2013; **and** required the program to investigate the root cause(s) of the decline in the licensure pass rates and submit a written report by October 18, 2013; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The most recent average annual pass rate is **62%**. This is 11 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's licensure pass rates have declined over the last year. During quarter two (2) of 2012, the program's average annual pass rate was 87%. Since that time, the average annual pass rate has steadily decreased 25 percentage points. As such, the recommendations to have the program submit a report identifying the cause(s) of the low licensure pass rates.

It is important to note, the program director lives in another state and manages the program with the assistance of an Assistant Director. With the declining licensure pass rates, the Board is concerned that the director is not spending enough time actively administering the program. The director would be advised to evaluate the amount of time that needs to be spent with the program in order to ensure students are receiving an adequate education. The Board will continue to monitor the program's licensure pass rates and the management of the program.

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19. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program in August 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program for the four-year period from October 20, 2013 through October 19, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has improved its licensure examination pass rate; however, it is prudent to continue to require the program to request each class admission until the program demonstrates that it can maintain that pass rate at an acceptable rate. 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.

20. CNI College VN Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Asma Khan, Costa Mesa, Orange County, Private)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the CNI College VN Program in August 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the CNI College VN Program for the four-year period from September 17, 2013 through September 16, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of:
 - A full-time class of 45 students four (4) times each calendar year to **replace** graduating classes only.
 - A part-time class of 50 students each March, July, and November 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. 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.

21. College of Nursing and Technology VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Paul Peters, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)

The College of Nursing and Technology VN Program requests Board approval to admit 30 students into a part – time evening/week-end class commencing December 9, 2013, and graduating April 20, 2015. This class will **replace** students that graduated on February 6, 2013.

The EO approved the College of Nursing and Technology VN Program's request to admit 30 students into a part – time evening/week-end class commencing December 9, 2013, and graduating April 20, 2015. This class will **replace** students that graduated on February 6, 2013. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The program's pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the last fourteen (14) consecutive quarters. The current average annual pass rate is 91%. The average annual pass rate for the College of Nursing and Technology VN Program is 18 percentage points **above** the state

average annual pass rate. Based on these statistics, approval of the requested class is recommended.

22. Institute of Technology VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Paula Percy, Redding, Shasta County, Private)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Institute of Technology VN Program in September 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval of the Institute of Technology VN Program for the four-year period from September 17, 2013 through September 16, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of:
 - 1) Three (3) full-time classes of 45 students per year to replace graduating students, and
 - 2) Two (2) part-time classes of 45 students per year to replace graduating students.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. 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.

23. Merced College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Carol Col-Hamm, Merced, Merced County – Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall

be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Merced College VN Program in August 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval for the Merced College Vocational Nursing Program for the period November 16, 2013 through November 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 40 students every eighteen (18) months (every other semester), 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. 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.

24. Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Helen Taylor, Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, Private)

The Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program is requesting approval to admit a class of 30 students on May 28, 2014, graduating October 18, 2015, to **replace** students graduating May 8, 2014.

Additionally, the program is requesting to admit 30 students on November 10, 2014, graduating March 24, 2016, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 18, 2014.

The EO approved the Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on May 28, 2014, graduating October 24, 2015, to **replace** students graduating May 8, 2014; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students on November 10, 2014, graduating March 24, 2016, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 18, 2014; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's licensure pass rates have exceeded the state average annual pass rate for the most recent six (6) consecutive quarters. As such, the requested classes are recommended.

25. Rio Hondo Community College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Connie Austin, Whittier, Los Angeles County, Community College)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Rio Hondo Community College VN Program in October 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the Rio Hondo Community College VN Program for a four-year period from November 16, 2013 through November 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued the program's approval for an ongoing pattern of admissions with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes admission of a full-time class of 60 students annually and a part – time class of 24 students every 24 months.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has consistently been above the state average annual pass rate for the last eight (8) quarters. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 15 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Additionally, the program is in 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 the program's Annual Reports, and performing approval surveys every four years.

26. Twin Rivers Adult School VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Winifred Critchlow, McClellan Park, Sacramento County – Adult School)

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

The Twin Rivers Adult School VN Program was reviewed in October 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval of the Twin Rivers Adult School VN Program for the period February 9, 2014 through February 8, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued the program's approval for an ongoing admissions pattern with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes admission of a part – time class of 30 students once per year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The Twin Rivers Adult School VN Program has approval for an ongoing admissions pattern of part-time classes of 30 students once per year. The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

27. Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Revised Ongoing Admissions (Director: Karon Jones-Chrisman, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private)

The director of the Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program requests approval to admit an additional class of 36 full-time students commencing November 25, 2013 and graduating on October 31, 2014, to **replace** the class graduating on November 1, 2013. The program director also requests approval of a revised ongoing admissions pattern consisting of 36 full-time students admitted in March, June, October and November of each year.

The EO approved the Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program's request to admit an additional class of 36 full-time students commencing on November 25, 2013 and graduating on October 31, 2014, **only**; and continued approval of the

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

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 36 students in March, June, October and November of each year, 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has maintained a licensure examination pass rate above the state average annual pass rate for seven out of the past eight quarters.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

28. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program - Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Karen Hall, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

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

A Program Records Survey was completed by the West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program in August 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program for the four-year period from December 2, 2013 through September 1, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Based on published examination statistics, the program's average annual pass rate is 89%. As such, the average annual pass rate is 16 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program is in compliance with the California Code of Regulations.