

# Agenda Item #13.C.3.



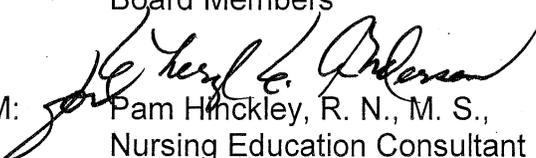
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DATE: May 1, 2014

TO: Board Members

FROM:  Pam Hinckley, R. N., M. S.,  
Nursing Education Consultant

SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program  
– Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago,  
Bakersfield, Kern County, Private)

On February 22, 2013, the Board placed the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the two (2) year period from February 22, 2013 to February 28, 2015. Additionally, the Board denied the program's request for approval to admit 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing March 18, 2013, graduating May 21, 2014, to **replace** students that were scheduled to graduate December 20, 2012. The program was required to obtain approval by the full Board prior to the admission of students. Reconsideration of the program's status was scheduled for February 2015. This action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (I).

On March 4, 2013, the Board forwarded to the Director the Notice of Change in Approval Status, identifying program deficiencies and required corrections.

Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program is requesting Board approval to admit a class of 36 students on August 4, 2014; graduating October 8, 2015.

## History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A, History of Board Action)

## Enrollment

The program offers full – time classes. The program requires Board approval prior to the admission of each class. The pattern of admissions for proposed classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The following table represents current and projected student enrollment based on current and proposed class starts and completions. The table indicates a maximum enrollment of **77** students for the period **May 2012 through October 2014**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
5/12		26	19	<b>19</b>
	8/13 (5/12 Class)		-19	19 - 19 = <b>0</b>
8/13		24	16	0 + 16 = <b>16</b>
1/14	3/15	25		16 + 25 = <b>41</b>
8/14 <b>Proposed</b>	10/15	36		41 + 36 = <b>77</b>
	10/14 (8/13 Class)		-16	77 - 16 = <b>61</b>

### Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by the Pearson Vue 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 January 2008 through March 2014, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, 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 Average Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate [CCR §2530(I)]	Variance From State Average Annual Pass Rate
Jan-Mar 2008	17	16	94%	75%	94%	75%	+19
Apr-Jun 2008	6	6	100%	70%	96%	74%	+22
Jul-Sep 2008	2	1	50%	74%	92%	74%	+18
Oct-Dec 2008	No Students Tested			73%	88%	73%	+15
Jan-Mar 2009	No Students Tested			70%	78%	72%	+6
Apr-Jun 2009	7	6	86%	71%	78%	70%	+8
Jul-Sep 2009	9	9	100%	74%	94%	72%	+22

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Average Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate [CCR §2530(l)]	Variance From State Average Annual Pass Rate
Oct-Dec 2009	18	14	78%	76%	85%	73%	+12
Jan-Mar 2010	14	12	86%	76%	85%	74%	+11
Apr-Jun 2010	6	6	100%	74%	87%	74%	+13
Jul-Sep 2010	19	17	89%	76%	86%	75%	+12
Oct-Dec 2010	6	2	33%	77%	82%	76%	+6
Jan-Mar 2011	22	12	54%	80%	70%	77%	-7
Apr-Jun 2011	16	9	56%	71%	63%	76%	-13
Jul-Sep 2011	20	13	65%	74%	56%	76%	-20
Oct-Dec 2011	30	14	47%	74%	55%	75%	-20
Jan-Mar 2012	6	2	33%	77%	53%	74%	-21
Apr – Jun 2012	16	10	63%	72%	54%	74%	-20
Jul – Sep 2012	40	25	63%	74%	55%	74%	-19
Oct – Dec 2012	9	4	44%	70%	58%	74%	-16
Jan – Mar 2013	17	12	71%	75%	62%	73%	-11
Apr – Jun 2013	13	10	77%	78%	65%	73%	-8
Jul – Sep 2013	17	12	71%	75%	68%	74%	-6
Oct – Dec 2013	11	8	73%	76%	73%	76%	-3
Jan – Mar 2014	9	5	56%	74%	70%	76%	-6

\*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.

California Code of Regulations §2530(l) 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 approved vocational nursing schools for the same period.”

Examination statistics for the period of January 2008 through March 2014 substantiate the program’s **compliance** with regulatory requirements for the most recent four (4) consecutive quarters.

Based on the most recent data available (January – March 2014), the program's current annual pass rate is **70%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time during

the same period is 76%. The average annual pass rate for Santa Barbara Business College Bakersfield is currently six (6) points **below** the State annual average 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 current number of faculty totals 18. The program director has 95% administrative responsibility and 5% teaching duties. Eighteen (18) instructors teach clinical.

Based upon a maximum enrollment of 77 current students, six (6) instructors are required for clinical supervision. Therefore, the current number of faculty is adequate for the current 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 sufficient clinical facilities to afford the number, type and variety of patients that will provide clinical experience consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught to current and proposed students.

### **Other Considerations:**

Published examination statistics substantiate the program's difficulties in maintaining pass rates on the licensure examination that are compliant with regulatory requirements for the period April 2011 through March 2013. During that time, the program's average annual pass rates varied from eleven (11) to twenty (20) percentage points below State average annual pass rates.

On April 19, 2012, the Board forwarded correspondence notifying the program that its average annual pass rates had been noncompliant with regulatory requirements for four (4) quarters. On April 20, 2012, the program was cited for noncompliance with regulatory requirements. In addition to noncompliant program pass rates, the program admitted more than the authorized maximum of 36 students in January, March, August, and October 2011. The director was requested to submit a plan to increase the program's pass rates and prevent reoccurrence of the violations. On May 3, 2012, the Board received the program's plan of correction.

On August 7, 2012, the Board forwarded correspondence to the director advising that the program's average annual pass rates had been noncompliant with regulatory requirements

for five (5) quarters. The director was requested to submit a plan to increase program pass rates by September 3, 2012. On September 13, 2012, the Board received the requested plan of correction.

On October 17, 2012, the Executive Officer denied the program's request to admit 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing October 22, 2012 to **replace** students who graduated October 11, 2012. **At that time the program's quarter pass rate was 63% and its average annual pass rate was 54%.**

On February 22, 2013, the Board placed the program on provisional approval for the two (2) year period from February 22, 2013 to February 28, 2015, due to pass rates on the licensure examination that were noncompliant with regulatory requirements. **At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 58%.** On March 4, 2013, the Board forwarded to the director the Notice of Change in Approval Status, identifying deficiencies and required corrections (see Attachment B).

On March 28, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the program director specifying actions taken to correct identified problems. Included in the plan were the following elements:

- The entrance test was changed from the Wonderlic to the ACCUPLACER.
- All applicants are interviewed by the Director.
- National League of Nursing (NLN) testing used throughout the program to identify at-risk students.
- Focused study groups are implemented to focus on areas identified in the NLN testing.
- Weekly faculty meetings.
- Intensive training and mentoring of all faculty.
- Team building exercises for faculty.
- Faculty evaluations performed twice a year.
- Extend the NCLEX review for students to 10 weeks.
- Purchase NCSBN five week subscription for students that have perfect attendance in the NCLEX review for the first 4 weeks.
- Reimburse students for the expense of test and license fees if they test in the same quarter they receive their authorization to test.
- Coordinate the IV therapy and Blood withdrawal course to coincide with the graduation of a class. To be taught by an approved provider.

On November 22, 2013, the Board approved the program's request to admit 36 students on January 6, 2014, only, graduating March 12, 2015. This class **replaced** students that graduated on August 1, 2013; and, continued to require the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.

In summary, at the time of placement on provisional approval, February 22, 2013, the program's average annual pass rate **was 58%**. For the most recent reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is 70%. Although the current average annual pass rate has decreased three (3) percentage points below the previous quarter, it is still within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate.

**Recommendations:**

1. Approve the Santa Barbara Business College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 36 students on August 4, 2014, graduating October 8, 2015.
2. Continue to require the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.

**Rationale:** The program's licensure pass rates have fluctuated three (3) to eight (8) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate over the most current four (4) quarters. As such, the program is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate and compliant with California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (l). However, it must be noted that for the current quarter, the program's **quarter** pass rate is **56%** and its **average annual pass rate** is **70%**. **Further, the program has been compliant with regulatory requirements for the most recent four (4) consecutive quarters.**

Given these statistics, approval of the program's request to admit 36 students is recommended. Forty-nine (49) students are currently enrolled in classes. If a class of 36 is approved, the program will have 85 students enrolled in classes.

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.

Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions.

Attachment B: Notice of Change in Approval Status Dated February 22, 2013; Sent March 4, 2013.

## Agenda Item #13.C.3., Attachment A

### SANTA BARBARA BUSINESS COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

#### History of Prior Board Actions

- On May 12, 2006, the Executive Officer approved Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 30 students on July 3, 2006, only; and approved the program curriculum for 1600 hours, including 620 theory, and 980 clinical hours.
- On August 1, 2007, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program for the period from August 1, 2007, through August 1, 2011, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly; and approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students to start on January 7, 2008, only, to replace students graduating on January 22, 2007.
- On May 14, 2008, the Executive Officer approved Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students on May 27, 2008, thereby increasing the program's frequency of admissions
- On August 13, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the Program's request to admit an additional full-time day class of 30 students on October 13, 2008
- On May 14, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students on May 27, 2008.
- August 8, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit an additional full-time day class of 30 students on October 13, 2008 be approved. This will increase the program's frequency of admissions.
- On February 27, 2009, the Executive Officer approved the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, request to admit a second full-time evening class of 30 students on March 16, 2009.
- On October 20, 2009 the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students and five (5) alternates on October 20, 2009, only, to **replace** a graduated class, with an anticipated graduation date of December 16, 2010.
- On October 20, 2009, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students and five (5) alternates on January 4, 2010, only, to **replace** a

class graduating on December 17, 2009. This class is expected to graduate on March 10, 2011.

- On October 20, 2009, the Executive Officer denied the program's request for ongoing admissions of two (2) morning and two (2) evening classes two (2) times per year, a total of four (4) classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes, due to the program's slowly decreasing annual pass rate since 2010.
- On February 26, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program request to increase the frequency of admissions, with the admission of a fourth full-time class of 45 students on March 15, 2010, only. The anticipated graduation date of the class is May 19, 2011.
- On June 3, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students and five (5) alternates on May 24, 2010, only, to **replace** a graduated class, with an anticipated graduation date of July 28, 2011.
- On June 3, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the program's request for ongoing admissions of two (2) morning and two (2) evening classes two (2) times per year, a total of four (4) classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes, with the following stipulations:
  - a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of one (1) full-time class of 36 students every March, August, and November only, to **replace** graduating students; and
  - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On April 19, 2012, the Board notified the program of **four (4) quarters of low licensure pass rates**, and required the program to submit a plan to increase the pass rates.
- On April 20, 2012, the Executive Officer approved continued full approval for Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2015 and issue a certificate accordingly; **and, Rescinded** the program's approval for ongoing admissions of two (2) day classes and two (2) evening classes of 36 students, a total of four (4) classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes; **and**, approved the program's admission of 36 students commencing May 21, 2012, only, graduating August 1, 2013, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate, May 17, 2012; required the program to obtain Board approval prior to admitting additional classes; **and**, additionally, required the program to submit plans of correction relative to the Notice of Violation for its noncompliance with California Code of Regulations Sections 2530 (l) and 2530 (k) by May 4, 2012.
- On May 3, 2012, the Board received the program's plan to increase the program pass rates.

- On May 11, 2012, the director submitted her plan to prevent a reoccurrence of the violations.
- On August 7, 2012, the Board notified the program of **five (5) quarters of low licensure pass rates**, and required the program to submit a plan to increase the pass rates **by September 3, 2012**.
- On September 13, 2012, the Board received the program's plan to increase licensure pass rates.
- On October 17, 2012, the Executive Officer denied the program's admission of 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing October 22, 2012, graduating December 19, 2013, to **replace** students that graduated October 11, 2012; and, require the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to admitting additional classes.
- On November 2, 2012, the Executive Officer denied Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, admission of 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing January 7, 2013, graduating March 13, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 22, 2012; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to admitting additional classes; **and**, placed the program on the February 2013 Board agenda.
- On December 13, 2012, the Board assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
- On December 28, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the program director and eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.
- On February 22, 2013, the Board placed Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Approval for a two (2) year period from February 22, 2013 to February 28, 2015 and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations; **and**, required the program to bring its average annual pass rate up to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate; **and**, required the program to submit follow-up reports in nine months, but no later than **November 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **November 1, 2014**. 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) 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; **and**,

Required the program to comply with all approval 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; **an**, required the program to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violation. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's approval; **and**,

**Denied** Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, admission of 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing March 18, 2013, graduating May 21, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 20, 2012; **and**, required the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board; **and**, place the program on the **February 2015** Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.

- On March 4, 2013, the Board forwarded to the director the Notice of Change in Approval Status specifying identified deficiencies and required corrections.
- On March 13, 2013, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of two (2) copies and one (1) CD or Flash drive of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
- On March 28, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the program director and two (2) copies and a CD of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.
- On May 10, 2013, the Board approved the Santa Barbara Business College's request to admit 36 students on August 5, 2013, only, graduating October 9, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate on August 1, 2013; **and**, required the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.
- On November 22, 2013, the Board approved the Santa Barbara Business College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 36 students on January 6, 2014, only, graduating March 12, 2015. This class will **replace** students that graduated on August

1, 2013; and, continued to require the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.



# Agenda Item #13.C.3., Attachment B



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## CERTIFIED MAIL

February 22, 2013

Carolyn Santiago, Director  
Vocational Nursing Program  
Santa Barbara Business College  
5300 California Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

**Subject: Notice of Change in Approval Status**

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on February 22, 2013, the Board placed the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Approval for the two – year period from February 22, 2013 through February 28, 2015. Please sign and return the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Change in Approval Status" form by **Friday, March 29, 2013**.

### 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<sup>1</sup> 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."

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 1, 2012, references in article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and article 4 of the Psychiatric Technicians Law provided that the Board accredits all vocational nursing and psychiatric technicians programs. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 2883 and 4532 (Senate Bill 539, Chapter 338, Statutes of 2011), accredit was changed to approve. There was no change to the Board's authority or jurisdiction.

The program pass rates of the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program for the past twenty (20) 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
Jan – Mar 2008	75%	94%	+19
Apr – Jun 2008	74%	96%	+22
Jul - Sep 2008	74%	92%	+18
Oct - Dec 2008	73%	88%	+15
Jan – Mar 2009	72%	78%	+6
Apr – Jun 2009	70%	78%	+8
Jul - Sep 2009	72%	94%	+22
Oct – Dec 2009	73%	85%	+12
Jan – Mar 2010	74%	85%	+11
Apr – Jun 2010	74%	87%	+13
Jun – Sep 2010	75%	86%	+12
Oct – Dec 2010	76%	82%	+6
Jan – Mar 2011	77%	70%	-7
Apr – Jun 2011	76%	63%	-13
Jul – Sep 2011	76%	56%	-20
Oct – Dec 2011	75%	55%	-20
Jan – Mar 2012	74%	53%	-21
Apr – Jun 2012	74%	54%	-20
Jul – Sep 2012	74%	55%	-19
Oct – Dec 2012	74%	58%	-16

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

#### REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)

1. The Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program's was placed on Provisional Approval for a two (2) year period from February 21, 2012 to February 28, 2015 and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations.
2. The program must bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate
3. The program must submit follow-up reports in nine months, but no later than **November 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **November 1, 2014**. 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.
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  - 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.
4. 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.
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5. The program must demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violation. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
  6. The program must admit no additional students unless specifically approved by the full Board.

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

#### FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **February 2015** Board Meeting agenda for reconsideration of your approval 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.**

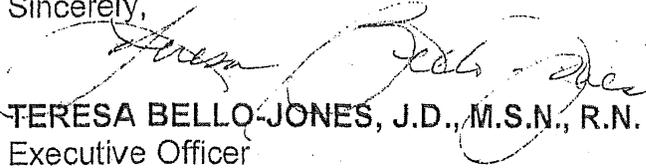
In the event your program is required to submit any report(s) as a corrective action pursuant to this notice, such reports are required in addition to any other reports required pursuant to 2527 of the Board's regulations.

The program may no longer advertise that it has full approval, 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](http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov).

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

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure

cc: Board Members



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**CERTIFICATE OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL**

for

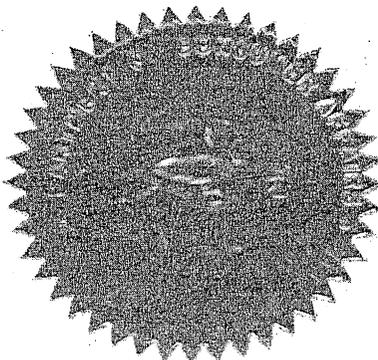
***Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield  
Vocational Nursing Program***

This document reflects that the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) has provisionally approved 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 approval may be obtained by contacting the Board at the address above. A candidate's completion of an approved vocational nursing program is partial fulfillment of requirements for the vocational nurse licensure examination.

**Effective: February 22, 2013**

**Expires: February 28, 2015**

Todd D'Braunstein, P.T.  
President



Teresa Bello-Jones  
Executive Officer

California Code of Regulations  
Title 16  
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.



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**Acknowledgement of Change in Approval Status**

I, Carolyn Santiago, director of Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, VN Program  
(Director's Name) (Name of Program)

hereby acknowledge that this program's status has been changed from full approval to provisional approval. 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 approval while on provisional approval as "material misrepresentation of fact". "Material misrepresentation of fact" may lead to revocation of the program's approval. Further, I understand the program's provisional approval status will be reflected on the Board's internet website.

Please complete and return this form to the Board by **March 15, 2013**.

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

Carolyn E. Santiago  
(Signature of Director)

3/11/13  
(Date)

