

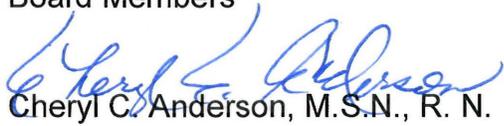
# Agenda Item #13.



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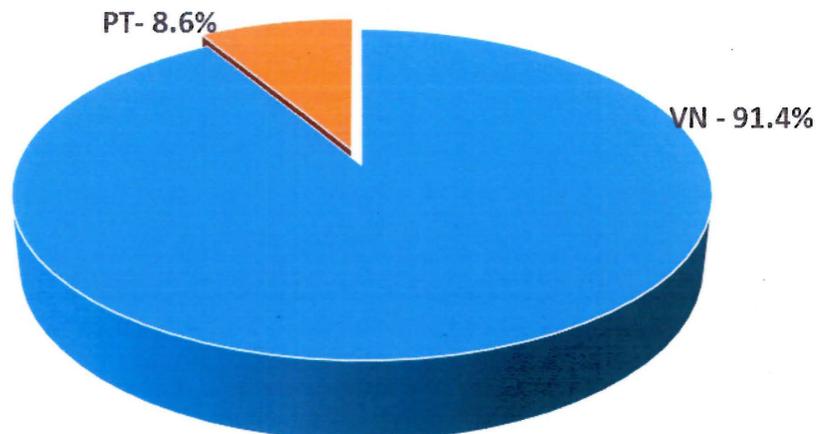
DATE: August 28, 2014  
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SUBJECT: Education Division Report

## Program Status

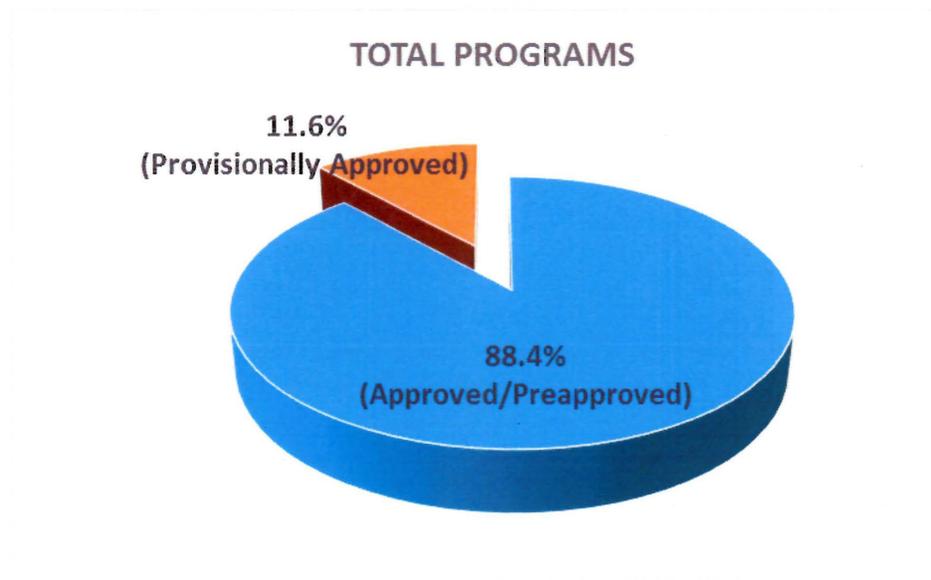
	VN Program	PT Program	Totals
# Approved Programs	174	16	190
# Pre - Approved Programs	7	1	8
<b>Sub Total Programs:</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>198</b>
# Proposed Programs	61	10	71
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS (Approved, Preapproved, Proposed)</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>267</b>

Currently, a total of 198 programs are approved to offer educational programs leading to vocational nurse (VN) and psychiatric technician (PT) licensure. Of the total programs, 91.4% are VN programs; 8.6% are PT.

### TOTAL VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN PROGRAMS



Of the total programs, 88.4% are approved or preapproved programs; 11.6% are provisionally approved programs.



Of the total provisionally approved, 100% are VN programs.

➤ **Approved/Preapproved VN Programs.**

Of the total VN programs, 174 (96.1%) are approved/provisionally - approved programs. The remaining 7 (3.9%) are preapproved.

The following new VN programs have been approved for commencement of an initial class.

1. Advanced Medical College, Berkeley, VN Program.
2. Advanced Medical College, Pittsburg, VN Program.
3. National Career College, Van Nuys, VN Program.

Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 2, 2014, the **quarter** pass rate for approved VN programs is **69.52%**; the **average annual** pass rate is **76.86%**.

➤ **Provisionally Approved VN Programs.**

Effective May 16, 2014, the number of programs on provisional approval totals 23. Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 2, 2014, the **quarter** pass rate for provisionally approved VN programs is **41.74%**; the **average annual** pass rate is **54.29%**.

➤ **Approved/Preapproved PT Programs.**

Of the total PT programs, 16 (94.1%) are approved programs. The remaining program (5.9%) is preapproved. Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 2, 2014, the **quarter** pass rate for approved PT programs is **76.32%**; the **average annual** pass rate is **84.38%**.

The Education Division continues to provide assistance to all programs for whom deficiencies have been identified. Prior to placement on provisional approval, the goal is identification of problems negatively impacting student achievement and the development and implementation of effective strategies for resolution of the identified problems.

After placement on provisional approval, the Education Division prepares and mails the official notice advising the program director of specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction, as specified by the Board. Additionally, consultants continue to provide assistance in identifying program elements that negatively impact student comprehension. Strategies are recommended to maximize student achievement.

➤ **Program Complaints.**

Since May 16, 2014, the Education Division has received complaints from faculty and students alleging misconduct by four (4) programs. Each complaint is thoroughly analyzed by a Nursing Education Consultant (NEC) relative to regulatory authority and compliance, adequacy for the enrolled and projected student populations, and other factors based on the allegation. Upon completion, the NEC forwards a response to the complainant.

➤ **Program Requests.**

Since May 16, 2014, the Education Division has processed **39** major requests from VN and PT programs. Those requests include, but are not limited to, program approval, major curriculum revisions, approval to admit students, approval to alter class size, and other critical program elements.

From May 1, 2014 through August 18, 2014, the Education Division processed **792** requests for approval of new faculty and **405** requests for approval of new clinical facilities for existing and proposed VN and PT programs. Each request was analyzed and evaluated relative to regulatory compliance, consistency with the Board – approved curriculum, and adequacy for the enrolled and projected student populations.

➤ **Program Inspections.**

Since April 1, 2014, the Education Division has completed inspections of 32 programs. Of the total, on - site inspections of 12 programs were completed. An additional 20 programs were inspected per Program Record Survey. The

purpose of these inspections is to determine the program's compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and required corrections specified by the Board. Such inspections serve to identify existing and potential program deficiencies, elements negatively impacting student achievement, and strategies for correction.

➤ **Annual Reports.**

On June 20, 2014, the Education Division disseminated the 2014 Annual Report to all VN and PT programs. Completed reports are due September 5, 2014.

➤ **Meetings.**

Since May 1, 2014, the Education Division has conducted meetings and teleconferences with representatives of 33 existing programs to facilitate resolution of programmatic issues.

Additionally, the Education Division has met and consulted with representatives of DCA's Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) relative to programs that are also under the jurisdiction of the Bureau.

➤ **Proposed Programs.**

On February 28, 2014, the Board authorized a moratorium on the analysis of new proposals until February 28, 2015. Additionally, the Board authorized staff to send follow – up letters to those non – responsive proposed programs advising that the Board would remove them from the queue effective April 18, 2014.

In response to that correspondence, 20 additional proposed programs notified the Board of their continued interest in commencing new VN and PT programs. Given those responses, the number of responding proposed programs was revised to include 61 proposed VN programs and 5 PT programs, for a total of 66 VN and PT proposed programs.

Since May 1, 2014, consultants have completed detailed analyses and evaluation of submitted documents and materials for 17 VN and PT proposals. Detailed documentation advising of identified deficiencies and required corrections has been forwarded to the submitting director.

Effective August 28, 2014, 48 proposals (45 VN; 3 PT) await initial analysis. Analysis of the remaining proposals and correspondence advising the submitting director of identified deficiencies and required corrections is projected to be completed by May 2015.

### Correspondence.

Since May 1, 2014, the Education Division has responded to 186 written inquiries regarding the scopes of practice of VNs and PTs; 3,471 email and fax inquiries; and 4,329 telephone inquiries from programs, consumers, and other agencies.

### PERSONNEL.

- **Recruitment of Nursing Education Consultants** – The Board continues recruitment to fill the remaining NEC vacancy. Margo Cooper, Manager, DCA Selection Services and Recruitment, and Cheryl Anderson, SNEC, completed a review and rating of all submitted applications on July 9, 2014. All candidates meeting minimum qualifications were added to the Nursing Education Consultant (NEC) Certification List.

Scheduling and interviews of all interested candidates are projected to be completed by September 5, 2014.