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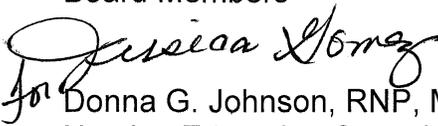
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DATE: January 30, 2015

TO: Board Members

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program –
Reconsideration of Provisional Approval (Director: Emma Pacheco-Sanchez, Long
Beach, Los Angeles County, Private)

On November 21, 2014, the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program was placed on provisional approval for the three (3) month period ending February 28, 2015. In addition, on that date, the Board also approved the following recommendations based on violations discovered:

1. Require the program to submit documentation satisfactory to the Board substantiating proof of the following no later than **December 15, 2014**. Failure to provide the required documentation may cause the Board to immediately revoke the program's approval.
 - a. Physical site, equipment, and materials adequate for the currently enrolled students at which classes will be held.
 - b. Approved faculty adequate to provide theory and clinical instruction for the currently enrolled students.
 - c. Approved clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of clients treated to provide clinical experience in all areas of the Board – approved curriculum for the currently enrolled students.
2. Require the program to provide evidence of active administration of the program by a Board - approved director no later than **December 15, 2014**.

The program is presented to the Board today for reconsideration of provisional approval.

History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A. History of Prior Board Action)

Enrollment

On November 21, 2014, the Board rescinded ongoing admissions and required that the program obtain approval of the full Board prior to the admission of all classes.

Based on information submitted by **program support staff** in October 2014, the pattern of admissions for **prior and current** classes is seen in the enrollment table below. It should also be noted that the program failed to provide dates of commencement and completion for each admitted class. On October 27, 2014, the program reported a total of **fifteen (15) current students**. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 44 students** for the period from **June 2010 through July 2014**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
6/10 FT		14	11	11
9/10 FT		10	7	11 + 7 = 18
1/11 FT		23	12	18 + 12 = 30
3/11 FT		11	5	30 + 5 = 35
7/11 FT		14	5	35 + 5 = 40
	9/11 (9/10 FT Class)		-7	40 - 7 = 33
10/11 FT		13	7	33 + 7 = 40
12/11 PT		5	4	40 + 4 = 44
	2/12 (6/10 FT Cass)		-11	44 - 11 = 33
	3/12 (3/11 FT Class)		-5	33 - 5 = 28
4/12 FT		9	5	28 + 5 = 33
	8/12 (1/11 FT Class)		-12	33 - 12 = 21
	10/12 (10/11 FT Class)		-7	21 - 7 = 14
12/12 FT		7	4	14 + 4 = 18
	12/12 (7/11 FT Class)		-5	18 - 5 = 13
	7/13 (12/11 PT Class)		-4	13 - 4 = 9
7/13 FT (Batch 28)		6	5	9 + 5 = 14

ENROLLMENT DATA				
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	7/13 (4/12 FT Class)		-5	14 - 5 = 9
(Date Not Provided) Batch 29 (Fri, Sat, Sun)	(Date Not Provided)	Unknown	3	9 + 3 = 12
	12/13 (12/12 FT Class)		-4	12 - 4 = 8
6/14 Batch 30 (Mon - Fri)	(Date Not Provided)	5	5	8 + 5 = 13
	7/14 (7/13 FT Class)		-5	13 - 5 = 8
(Date Not Provided) Batch 31 (Fri, Sat, Sun)	(Date Not Provided)	7	7	8 + 7 = 15

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by Pearson VUE and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction" for the period July 2007 through December 2014 specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN®).

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
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Jul - Sep 2012	11	10	91%	74%	80%	74%	+6
Oct - Dec 2012	4	2	50%	70%	74%	74%	0
Jan - Mar 2013	4	1	25%	75%	73%	73%	0
Apr - Jun 2013	5	3	60%	78%	67%	73%	-6
Jul - Sep 2013	6	3	50%	75%	47%	74%	-27
Oct - Dec 2013	10	2	20%	76%	36%	76%	-40
Jan - Mar 2014	7	2	29%	74%	36%	76%	-40
Apr - Jun 2014	3	2	67%	66%	35%	73%	-38
Jul - Sep 2014	2	2	100%	72%	36%	73%	-37
Oct - Dec 2014	2	2	100%	72%	57%	72%	-15

California Code of Regulations, section 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.”

The average annual pass rate for the program has been greater than ten (10) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate for the last **six (6) consecutive quarters**. It is further noted for the **30** quarters for which data is available, the program has been noncompliant with regulatory requirements for **17** of those quarters.

Based on the **most recent data available** (October through December 2014), the program’s average annual pass rate is **57%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination for the first time during the same period is 72%. The current average annual pass rate for the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program is **15** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

On October 28, 2014, the program reported using a total of four (4) part-time faculty **only**. As reported to the Board on November 21, 2014, **no** faculty were currently teaching classes.

On November 21, 2014, the Board approved the recommendation of a minimum of one (1) instructor for every ten (10) students in clinical experiences.

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

“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 **lacks** sufficient clinical facilities to afford the number, type, and variety of patients that will provide clinical experience consistent with competency-based objectives and theory in the areas specified by Section 2533. No students have been in clinical sites since November 2014.

Current Status of Violations

The program has failed to provide the required documentation or to communicate with the Board, as required in the Board’s action of November 21, 2014 and November 30, 2014 notice. Specifically:

1. The program has failed to submit documentation of a physical site, equipment, and materials adequate for the currently enrolled students.
2. The program has failed to submit documentation of faculty adequate to provide theory and clinical instruction for the currently enrolled students.
3. The program has failed to submit applications for clinical facilities for the currently enrolled students.
4. The program has failed to submit evidence of active administration by a Board – approved director.

Since the report to the Board in November 2014, an additional three (3) individuals have contacted the Board. All of the individuals reported they were students of the program and noted they had completed courses. Two (2) complainants had reportedly failed an exit exam and were seeking to complete program requirements. One (1) complainant had reportedly completed all requirements and sought the transcript the graduate had recently paid for. The complainants all reported there was no longer a school site, that they were unable to reach the school, and that they all were seeking documentation from the school regarding the studies they had undertaken. All of the complainants were given information regarding this Board and its regulations, how to find information on our website, and options regarding eligibility for licensure. In addition, all complainants were encouraged to contact the Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education.

Notice of the Change in approval status and the requirements due by December 15, 2014 were sent to the school via certified mail. (See Attachment B). To date, the program has failed to submit the required documents.

Other Considerations

On January 6, 2015, the Board received notification from the Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education’s (Bureau) Enforcement Chief advising that inspectors had attempted to survey the school site on December 23, 2014 and identified that the school is no longer operating at the

program's last known location. Bureau staff were unable to find a current or forwarding address for the program. As reported, moving or closing a school without notification or receiving authorization from the Bureau constitutes violation of the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, California Education Code 94893, 94926, 94927.5. (See Attachment C).

Recommendations:

1. Revoke Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program's provisional approval, effective immediately.
2. Remove the program from the Board's *List of Approved Programs*.

Rationale:

The program was placed on provisional approval due to non-compliance with regulations relative to licensure pass rates and due to the 26 violations identified during and after the unannounced program inspection. At this time, all identified violations remain **uncorrected**.

On November 21, 2014, the Board required the program to provide evidence of a physical site, equipment, and materials adequate for the currently enrolled students; to provide evidence of approved faculty adequate to provide theory and clinical instruction for the currently enrolled students; and to provide evidence of approved clinical facilities adequate to provide clinical experiences for the enrolled students. Further, on that date, the program was required to provide evidence of active administration of the program by a Board – approved director. All evidence was required no later than December 15, 2014.

To date, the program has failed to respond to the Board's required correction of November 30, 2014. In particular, it has failed to provide documentation of a physical site, it has failed to provide documentation of adequate faculty and clinical facilities, and the program has failed to provide evidence of active administration of the program by a director approved by the Board.

Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions

Attachment B: Board Correspondence, Notice of Change in Approval Status dated November 30, 2014

Attachment C: BPPE Correspondence dated January 6, 2015

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PREFERRED COLLEGE OF NURSING, CARSON VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

History of Prior Board Actions

- On September 10, 2004, the Board approved Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program's request to begin a part-time class of 30 students in Carson, California on August 16, 2004, with a projected graduation date of February 19, 2006.

The Board also approved the program's curriculum for 1550 hours, including 590 theory and 960 clinical hours.

- On September 16, 2005, the Board approved initial full accreditation for the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program for the period of September 16, 2005, through September 15, 2009, and issued a certificate accordingly. **In addition**, the Board approved the program's request to admit 15 students into a Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday part-time program starting September 20, 2005, with a projected graduation date of November 17, 2006 **and** the Board approved the program's request to admit 15 students into a Monday through Friday Full-time program starting October 17, 2005, with a projected graduation date of March 30, 2007 **and** the Board approved the program's request to admit 15 students into the Monday through Wednesday evening part-time program starting February 20, 2006, to replace students graduating February 19, 2006 **and** the Board approved ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, for the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program with the following stipulations:
 - a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes one full-time class which admits once each calendar year and two part-time classes which admit every 18 months.
 - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On July 10, 2007, the Board approved the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 16 students to a Friday, Saturday and Sunday part-time program starting July 20, 2007, with a projected graduation date of January 27, 2009.
- On May 21, 2008, the Board approved the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students commencing June 23, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of June 23, 2009. This action increases the class size for full-time class admissions to 30 students per class on an ongoing basis **and** the Board approved the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing July 1, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of January 2, 2010, **and** the Board approved the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time

class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of January 11, 2010.

- **On September 19, 2007, Audrey Hepburn Wilson was approved as program director.**
- **On September 5, 2008, Emma Pacheco-Sanchez was approved as program director.**
- On September 2, 2009, the Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program for the period September 16, 2009 through September 15, 2013, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly.
- On September 19, 2013, the Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program for the period September 16, 2013 through September 15, 2017, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly. **In addition**, the Executive Officer approved the following:

Continue 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.
- On August 26, 2014, the Board notified the program of four (4) quarters of noncompliant pass rates and requested a plan of action due by September 26, 2014.
 - On September 29, 2014, the Board notified the program it would be considered at the November 2014 Board meeting and requested additional data.
 - On October 13, 2014, the Board sent, via certified mail, Notice of Violations.
 - On October 27 and 28, 2014, Board representatives conducted an unannounced onsite survey of the program. Twenty – five (25) violations of the California Code of Regulations were identified.
 - On November 5, 2014, the Board sent, via certified mail, Notice of Violations.

- On November 14, 2014, the Board received information that the program no longer had a physical site and classes were not being held.
- On November 21, 2014, the Board approved the following recommendations:
 1. Place the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the three (3) month period from November 21, 2014, through February 28, 2015, and issue a notice identifying specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations (see Attachment J).
 2. Rescind approval of the program's ongoing admissions effective immediately.
 3. Require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
 4. Require the program to submit documentation satisfactory to the Board substantiating proof of the following no later than **December 15, 2014**. Failure to provide the required documentation may cause the Board to immediately revoke the program's approval.
 - a. Physical site, equipment, and materials adequate for the currently enrolled students at which classes will be held.
 - b. Approved faculty adequate to provide theory and clinical instruction for the currently enrolled students.
 - c. Approved clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of clients treated to provide clinical experience in all areas of the Board – approved curriculum for the currently enrolled students.
 5. Require the program to provide evidence of active administration of the program by a Board - approved director no later than **December 15, 2014**.
 6. Require the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
 7. Require the program to provide a minimum of one (1) clinical instructor for every ten (10) students in all clinical experiences.
 8. Require the program to submit the following reports no later than **December 15, 2014**.
 - a. 2014 Annual Report
 - b. Plan to Improve Program Pass Rates.
 - c. Enrollment Data for classes admitted from 2010 through 2014.
 - d. Names and Assignment of all Program Faculty.
 - e. Names and Assignment of all Clinical Facilities to Which Students Are Assigned.
 9. Require the program to submit a written and specific plan to correct all identified violations no later than **December 15, 2014**.

10. Require the program to submit a detailed written report, **no later than December 31, 2014**. That report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, identification of elements impeding students' success, timeline for correction, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
 - a. Current Student Enrollment.
 - b. Admission Criteria.
 - c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
 - d. Terminal Objectives.
 - e. Curriculum Objectives.
 - f. Instructional Plan.
 - g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
 - h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
 - i. Textbooks.
 - j. Attendance Policy.
 - k. Remediation Policy.
 - l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
 - m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
 - n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
 - o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.
 11. Require 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 2525.
 12. Require the program to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations.
 13. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
 14. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
 15. Place the program on the **February 2015** Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.
- On January 6, 2015, the Board received correspondence from BPPE regarding closure of the school.

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CERTIFIED MAIL

November 30, 2014

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Subject: Notice of Change in Approval Status

Dear Ms. Pacheco-Sanchez:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on November 21, 2014, the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program has been placed on provisional approval for the three (3) month period from November 21, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the areas of non-compliance found and the corrections required of your program to avoid losing approval completely.

Once you have reviewed this letter, please sign and return the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Change in Approval Status" form by **Friday, December 19, 2014**.

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 approval when that program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Section 2526..."

Section 2526(a)(7) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"The institution shall apply to the Board for approval. Written documentation shall be prepared by the director and shall include:

... (7) Instructional Plan"

Section 2526(a)(8) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"The institution shall apply to the Board for approval. Written documentation shall be prepared by the director and shall include:

... (8) Evaluation methodology for curriculum."

Section 2526(a)(11) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“The institution shall apply to the Board for approval. Written documentation shall be prepared by the director and shall include:

... (11) Evaluation methodology for clinical facilities.”

Section 2526(a)(13) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“The institution shall apply to the Board for approval. Written documentation shall be prepared by the director and shall include:

... (13) Screening and selection criteria.

Section 2526(a)(16) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“The institution shall apply to the Board for approval. Written documentation shall be prepared by the director and shall include:

... (16) List of resources for provision of counseling and tutoring services for students.

Section 2526(g) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“A material misrepresentation of fact by a vocational nursing program in any information submitted to the Board is cause for denial or revocation of approval or provisional approval.”

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

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

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

“A school shall report to the Board within ten days of the termination of a faculty member.”

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

“The program shall have sufficient resources, faculty, clinical facilities, library, staff and support services, physical space, skills laboratory and equipment to achieve the program’s objectives.”

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

“Regular faculty meetings shall be held. Minutes shall be available to the Board’s representative.”

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

“Each instructor shall have a daily lesson plan which correlates the theory and practice offered to the student. A copy of this plan shall be available to the director.”

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

“The program’s instructional plan shall be available to all faculty.”

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

“Each school shall have on file proof that each enrolled student has completed a general education course of study through the 12th grade or evidence of completion of the equivalent thereof. Equivalency is determined by the Department of Education in any of the United States or by a nationally-recognized regional accrediting body.”

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

“Each school shall have an attendance policy approved by the Board. The policy shall include but not be limited to, criteria for attendance and the specific course objectives for which make-up time is required. Acceptable methods for make-up include:

- (1) Theory: case studies, independent study, written examination, attendance at seminars or workshops, auto-tutorial laboratory, and research reports.
- (2) Clinical: performance evaluation in skills laboratory or additional time in the clinical area with clients/patients.”

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

“The school shall evaluate student performance to determine the need for remediation or removal from the program.”

Section 2530(j)(1) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Each school shall advise students, in writing, of the following:
(1) Right to contact the Board of program concerns.”

Section 2530(j)(4) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Each school shall advise students, in writing, of the following:
(4) List of Board approved clinical facilities.

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

“The program shall have prior Board approval to increase the number of students per class and/or increase the frequency of admission of classes...”

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

“The Board 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.”

Section 2533(a) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Vocational nursing programs shall include theory and correlated clinical experience.”

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

“School shall apply on a form provided by the Board for approval of each clinical facility prior to use.”

Section 2882 of the Vocational Nurse Practice Act states:

“The course of instruction of an approved school of vocational nursing shall consist of not less than the required number of hours of instruction in such subjects as the board may from time to time by regulation determine, together with the required number of hours in the care of medical, surgical, obstetrical patients, sick children, and such other clinical experience as from time to time may be determined by the board.”

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

“Schools are responsible for the continuous review of clinical facilities to determine if the student’s clinical objectives for each facility are being met.”

Section 2535 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Each school shall have a policy, approved by the Board for giving credit toward the curriculum requirements.

- (a) Transfer credit shall be given for related previous education completed within the last five years. This includes the following courses:
- (1) Approved vocational or practical nursing courses.
 - (2) Approved registered nursing courses.
 - (3) Approved psychiatric technician courses.
 - (4) Armed services nursing courses.
 - (5) Certified nurse assistant courses.

- (6) Other courses the school determines are equivalent to courses in the program.
- (b) Competency-based credit shall be granted for knowledge and/or skills acquired through experience. Credit shall be determined by written and/or practical examinations."

Section 2529(b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"Each vocational nursing program shall have one faculty member, designated as director who meets the requirements of subsection (c)(1) herein, who shall actively administer the program. The director is responsible for compliance with all regulations ..."

The program pass rates of the Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program for the past twenty-nine (29) quarters are set forth in the following table.

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Apr – Jun 2011	10	4	40%	71%	65%	76%	-11
Jul - Sep 2011	12	8	67%	74%	58%	76%	-18
Oct - Dec 2011	2	2	100%	74%	58%	75%	-17
Jan – Mar 2012	5	2	40%	77%	55%	74%	-19
Apr - Jun 2012	7	6	86%	72%	69%	74%	-5
Jul - Sep 2012	11	10	91%	74%	80%	74%	+6
Oct – Dec 2012	4	2	50%	70%	74%	74%	0
Jan - Mar 2013	4	1	25%	75%	73%	73%	0
Apr – Jun 2013	5	3	60%	78%	67%	73%	-6
Jul – Sep 2013	6	3	50%	75%	47%	74%	-27

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate	Variance from the State Average Annual Pass Rate
Oct – Dec 2013	10	2	20%	76%	36%	76%	-40
Jan – Mar 2014	7	2	29%	74%	36%	76%	-40
Apr – Jun 2014	3	2	67%	66%	35%	73%	-38
Jul – Sep 2014	2	2	100%	72%	36%	73%	-37

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

Based on this data, the program failed to meet requirements for vocational nursing programs as prescribed in regulations.

REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)

1. The Preferred College of Nursing, Carson, Vocational Nursing Program shall admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
2. The program shall bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
3. The program shall provide a minimum of one (1) clinical instructor for every ten (10) students in all clinical experiences.
4. The program shall provide evidence of active administration of the program by a Board – approved director no later than **December 15, 2014**.
5. The program shall submit documentation satisfactory to the Board substantiating proof of the following no later than **December 15, 2014**. Failure to provide the required documentation may cause the Board to immediately revoke the program's approval.
 - a. Physical site, equipment, and materials adequate for the currently enrolled students at which classes will be held.
 - b. Approved faculty adequate to provide theory and clinical instruction for the currently enrolled students.
 - c. Approved clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of clients treated to provide clinical experience in all areas of the Board – approved curriculum for the currently enrolled students.
6. The program shall submit the following reports no later than **December 15, 2014**.

- a. 2014 Annual Report
 - b. Plan to Improve Program Pass Rates.
 - c. Enrollment Data for classes admitted from 2010 through 2014.
 - d. Names and Assignment of all Program Faculty.
 - e. Names and Assignment of all Clinical Facilities to Which Students Are Assigned.
7. The program shall submit a written and specific plan to correct all identified violations no later than **December 15, 2014**.
8. The program shall submit a detailed written report, **no later than December 31, 2014**. That report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, identification of elements impeding students' success, timeline for correction, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
- a. Current Student Enrollment.
 - b. Admission Criteria.
 - c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
 - d. Terminal Objectives.
 - e. Curriculum Objectives.
 - f. Instructional Plan.
 - g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
 - h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
 - i. Textbooks.
 - j. Attendance Policy.
 - k. Remediation Policy.
 - l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
 - m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
 - n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
 - o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.
9. The program shall 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 2525.
10. The program shall demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations.
11. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
12. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.

FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **February 2015** Board Meeting agenda, at which point the Board may revoke or extend the program's approval. If you have additional information that you wish considered beyond the required corrections listed on pages 6 through 8, you must submit this documentation by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to the 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 approval by the full Board is required to admit each additional class.**

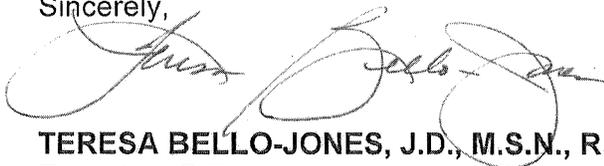
In the event your program is required to submit any report(s) as a corrective action pursuant to this notice, such reports are required in addition to any other reports required pursuant to 2527 of the Board's regulations.

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 approval is attached for your reference. A complete copy of the Board's laws and regulations can be found on the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

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Agenda Item #8.A.7., Attachment C

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From: Johnson, Yvette@DCA
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Anderson, Cheryl@DCA
Cc: Johnson, Karen@DCA
Subject: Preferred College of Nursing-Carson

Happy New Year.

Ms. Anderson,

We went to the 22010 S. Wilmington Carson, CA 90745 address for Preferred College of Nursing on 12/23/14. The school is no longer operating from this location and we were unable to find a current or forwarding address.

Moving or closing a school without notifying the bureau or receiving authorization to do so is a violation of the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, California Education Code 94893, 94926, 94927.5.

The bureau will take the appropriate administrative action.

Thank you

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