

Agenda Item #14.



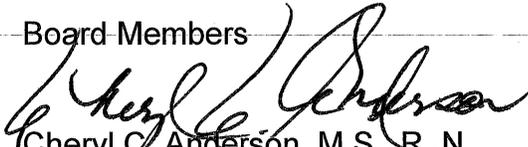
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SUBJECT: Education Division Report

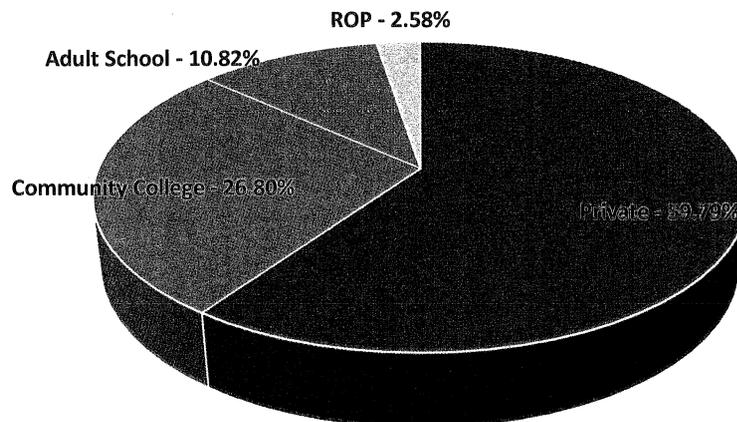
A. Division Update.

1. Program Statistics.

	VN Program	PT Program	Totals
# Approved Programs	169	15	184
# Pre - Approved Programs	9	1	10
Sub Total Programs:	178	16	194
# Proposed Programs	21	3	24
TOTAL PROGRAMS (Approved, Preapproved, Proposed)	199	19	218

Currently, a total of 194 programs are approved to offer educational programs leading to vocational nurse (VN) and psychiatric technician (PT) licensure. Of the total programs, 59.79% are proprietary programs; 26.80% are community college based programs; 10.82% are based in adult schools; and 2.58% are based in regional occupational centers.

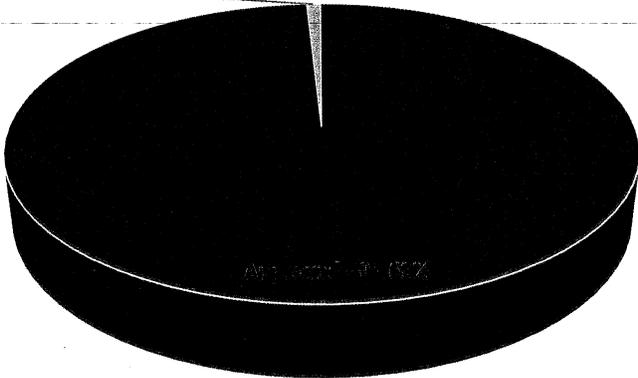
PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION



Pursuant to the Education Code, proprietary programs are required to hold approval issued by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) in addition to approval by the Board. Of the total Board – approved proprietary programs, BPPE has confirmed that 95.69% hold BPPE approval; 4.31% do not hold BPPE approval. Additionally, the BPPE has confirmed receipt of applications requesting approval from three (3) of the five non – BPPE approved programs. Investigation of the remaining programs is in progress.

**BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POST SECONDARY EDUCATION
APPROVED vs. NON APPROVED VN AND PT PROGRAMS**

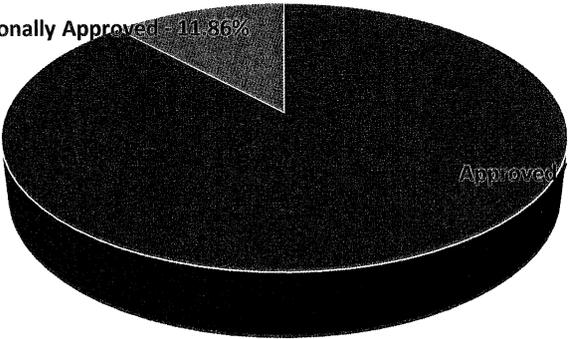
Non - Approved - 4.31%



Of the total Board – approved programs, 91.75% are VN programs; 8.25% are PT. Of the total VN and PT programs, 88.14% are approved or preapproved programs; 11.86% are provisionally approved programs.

**APPROVED/PREAPPROVED PROGRAMS vs
PROVISIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS**

Provisionally Approved - 11.86%



Approved/Preapproved - 88.14%

To date, 100% of the total provisionally approved programs are VN programs.

a. Approved/Preapproved VN Programs.

Of the total VN programs, 169 (94.95) are approved/provisionally - approved by the Board. The remaining 9 (5.05%) are preapproved programs.

Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 1 - 2015, the **quarter** pass rate for first – time candidates from approved VN programs is **75.45%**; the **average annual** pass rate is **73.74%**.

The following program was approved subsequent to the February 13, 2015 Board Meeting.

➤ **Institute of Technology – Modesto VN Program**

Location: Modesto, CA

Date of Approval: April 1, 2015

b. Provisionally Approved VN Programs.

Effective February 17, 2015, the number of VN programs on provisional approval totals 23. Of the total provisionally approved programs, **16 (69.57%)** have had on – site inspections. Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 1 - 2015, the **quarter** pass rate for provisionally approved VN programs is **56.36%**; the **average annual** pass rate is **55.15%**.

c. Approved/Preapproved PT Programs.

Of the total PT programs, 15 (93.75%) are approved programs. The remaining program (6.25%) is preapproved. Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 1 - 2015, the **quarter** pass rate for approved PT programs is **83.67%**; the **average annual** pass rate is **80.65%**.

d. Approved/Preapproved Program Pass Rate Statistical Comparison.

▪ **VN Programs.**

Overall, the pass rate for all first – time candidates from **California VN** programs who completed the NCLEX/PN® during Quarter 1 - 2015 is **72.80%**.

By comparison, the **National** pass rate for first – time VN program candidates who completed the NCLEX/PN® during Quarter 1 - 2015 is **81.38%**.

▪ **PT Programs.**

Overall, the pass rate for all first – time candidates from **California PT** programs who completed the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination during Quarter 1 - 2015 is **83.67%**.

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 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.

e. Program Complaints.

From February 23, 2015 through March 31, 2015, the Education Division has received complaints from faculty and students alleging misconduct by **eleven (11)** programs. Each complaint is thoroughly analyzed and investigated by a 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 and informs the program of the complaint and requests a response.

f. Program Requests.

From February 23, 2015, to date, the Education Division processed **47** major requests from VN and PT programs. Those requests include, but are not limited to, program approvals, major curriculum revisions, approval to admit students, approval to alter class size, and other critical program elements. Each request was analyzed to ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and established professional standards.

From February 23, 2015, to March 31, 2015, the Education Division processed **299** requests for approval of new faculty and **56** requests for approval of new clinical facilities for existing and proposed VN and PT programs. Each request was evaluated relative to regulatory compliance, consistency with the Board – approved curriculum, and adequacy for the enrolled and projected student populations.

g. Program Inspections.

Since February 1, 2015, the Education Division completed an inspection of **20** programs (On – Site Inspections – 2; Program Record Surveys – 18). Of the total on – site inspections, 1 program was inspected prior to completion of the initial class; one program was inspected as a result of deficiencies and submitted complaints. The purpose of inspections per Program Record Surveys 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.

h. Stakeholder Surveys.

On December 24 2014, the Education Division disseminated the 2014 Program Survey to 198 approved and provisionally (VN – 181; PT – 17) programs. Additionally, the 2014 Clinical Facility Survey was disseminated to 1,647 clinical facilities. To date, completed surveys have been received from **94 (51.93%) VN** programs and **5 (29.41%) PT** programs, and **252** clinical facilities (**15.30%**) clinical facilities. Of the total clinical facility surveys disseminated, 17 were returned by the U. S. Postal Service, due to a reported inability to forward.

i. Meetings.

Since February 23, 2015, the Education Division has conducted meetings and teleconferences with representatives of **43** existing programs to facilitate resolution of programmatic issues. Of the total meetings, 33 were conducted via teleconference; 10 were conducted onsite.

Additionally, the Education Division continues to meet and consult with representatives of DCA's Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) relative to VN and PT programs that are also under the jurisdiction of the Bureau.

j. Correspondence.

Since February 23, 2015, the Education Division has responded to **122** written inquiries regarding the scopes of practice of VNs and PTs; **1,925** email and fax inquiries were received from programs and **1,538** responses were sent; and **806** telephone inquiries from programs, consumers, and other agencies.

➤ **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. At that time, 146 requests for commencement of new vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs awaited initial analysis. That backlog resulted from the prolonged shortage of NECs the Board experienced from 2009 through January 7, 2014.

As reported at the February 2015 Board meeting, 27 proposals (25 VN; 2 PT) remained. The Board extended the moratorium to allow time to complete the initial

analysis of the remaining proposals and the second analysis of submitted corrections.

Effective April 8, 2015, 24 proposals [21 VN; 3 PT (includes 1 program initially electing to withdraw the proposal)] remain in the queue awaiting initial analysis and notification of identified deficiencies and required corrections.

PERSONNEL

- **Recruitment of Nursing Education Consultants** – The Board continues recruitment to fill the two (2) remaining NEC vacancies. Margo Cooper, Manager, DCA Selection Services and Recruitment, and Cheryl Anderson, SNEC, completed a review and rating of all submitted applications on March 11, 2015. 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 June 1, 2015.