



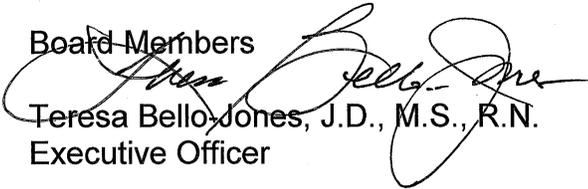
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SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs

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

### Effective February 25, 2015

1. **American College of Nursing PT Program – Consideration of Unannounced Site Survey; Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Brenda Beall-Boyer, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)**

On October 14 – 15 2014, Board representatives conducted an unannounced onsite survey of the program. Eleven (11) deficiencies were identified. The program is presented to the Board for consideration of survey findings.

Additionally, the Director requests approval to admit 20 full-time students on March 9, 2015, with a projected graduation date of July 5, 2016, to **replace** students expected to graduate on February 6, 2015.

The EO denied the program's request to admit a class of 20 students on March 9, 2015, only, with a projected graduation date of July 5, 2016; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class. Further, the program was required to correct deficiencies identified during the onsite visit and submit documentation confirming correction no later than **March 15, 2015**, to include the following:

- a. Implementation of the program's approved methodology including timeline for initial and ongoing evaluation of the curriculum.
- b. Names of program faculty terminated since September 1, 2014, including dates of approval, utilization, and dates of termination.
- c. Plan to ensure maintenance of accurate faculty data and Board notification of faculty terminations, as prescribed by Section 2527 (b) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

- d. Lesson plans for the approved curriculum.
- e. Implementation of the program's attendance policy to include identification of students for whom absences are identified and assigned follow-up.
- f. Implementation of the program's approved methodology including timeline for initial and ongoing evaluation of clinical facilities utilized for student clinical experiences.
- g. Implementation of the program's remediation policy to include identification of students who are at risk of failure from either academic or code of conduct issues, identification of deficiencies, remediation plan, and follow-up.

Failure of the program to correct identified violations may result in the program being placed on the May Board meeting agenda, for consideration of Provisional Approval.

**Rationale:** On September 24, 2014, the interim director notified the Board of the immediate termination of the program director of the PT program. The Board additionally, received student complaints regarding inadequate number of faculty and clinical sites, resulting in last minute cancelation of classes. Board representatives conducted an unannounced site survey on October 14 and 15, 2014. Eleven (11) violations of Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations were identified. A new Program Director was approved on December, 16, 2014. To date, four (4) of the eleven (11) violations have been corrected; seven (7) violations remain uncorrected.

American College of Nursing PT Program's annual average pass rate is 100%. The program has consistently had compliant pass rates for the last five (5) quarters, averaging 14 to 18 percentage points **above** State average annual pass rates. However, the number of program graduates tested is very small. A total of ten (10) students have graduated from the program since inception in September 2010. Of the ten (10) students, seven (7) have tested; six (6) passed the licensing examination on the first attempt, one (1) failed, and three (3) have not tested.

Currently, the program has six students who are scheduled to graduate in June 2015. Denying the class will allow the new director time to familiarize herself and analyze the program, develop an action plan with a timeline, and implement corrections for the seven (7) remaining violations.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly and analyzing the program's resources and progress in correcting current violations.

**2. American Medical Sciences Center VN Program – Consideration of a Request to Admit Students (Director: Lily Lee-Martyn, Glendale, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The American Medical Sciences Center VN Program has requested approval to admit one (1) class of fifteen (15) students to begin March 23, 2015, graduating July 14, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated May 30, 2014.

The EO approved the American Medical Sciences Center VN Program's request to admit one (1) class of 15 students on March 23, 2015, graduating on July 14, 2016, **only**, to **replace** students that graduated in May 2014; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program has a 100% pass rate on the licensing examination and has adequate resources 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.

**3. Angeles Institute VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Brandy Coward, Artesia, 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' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Angeles Institute VN Program submitted its completed Program Records Survey and request for continued approval in September 2014. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval for the Angeles Institute VN Program for the period November 2, 2014 through November 1, 2018, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions of 45 students 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 four (4) full-time day classes of 45 students each per year 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 Angeles Institute VN Program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Based on the **most recent data available** (October through December 2014), the program's average annual pass rate is **70%**, which is **two (2)** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program has maintained an average annual pass rate that is compliant with regulations since the third quarter of 2011.

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.

**4. California Career College, Canoga Park, VN Program - Report of Program Records Survey and Request for Continued Approval (Susan Naimi, Director – Canoga Park, Los Angeles, 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 or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

California Career College, Canoga Park, VN Program completed a Program Records Survey January 13, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Three (3) violations was noted.

The EO required the California Career College, VN Program to correct identified violations and submit a detailed report confirming correction thereof to include the following, no later than **March 6, 2015**.

- a. Clinical facilities adequate to provide clinical experiences of like character and quality for all current and proposed students that are consistent with the Board – approved curriculum.
- b. Instructional calendar specifying theory and clinical instruction for all enrolled and proposed classes.

The director was required to provide documented proof of students' completion of all clinical placements for all currently enrolled students, which includes names of enrolled students, term, student objectives, clinical location, hours complete and must be signed by a clinical site representative. **Due no later than March 15, 2015**.

The EO continued approval of the California Career College, VN Program for the four (4) year period from February 19, 2015, through February 18, 2019, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly, **provided** the program corrects identified violations and submits the required reports as specified; **and** rescinded immediately approval of the program's ongoing admission pattern; **and** approved the proposed part - time class of 30 students, scheduled to start March 15, 2015, and expected to graduate on

October 20, 2016, **only**, to **replace** students graduating February 2015 **provided** the program submits the report specified in Recommendation #1; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional classes.

**Rationale:** During the complete program survey, Board staff identified three (3) violations of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Information provided by the Director, regarding pediatric clinical experience of the students, misrepresented actual clinical placement of students. Student placement for pediatric clinical was conducted at an unapproved clinical site.

The program has remained compliant with Section (I) of the VN Rules and Regulation for the last five (5) consecutive quarters. The program currently has a 63% average annual pass rate, 9 percentage points below the state.

The submission of reports and documents to the Board with inaccurate information regarding Pediatric clinical site placement supports the recommendation to rescind the ongoing admission approval of students, and requiring the director to provide proof of completion of clinical site completion of all current students. Current NCLEX-PN® pass rates and the subsequent approval of adequate clinical sites, supports the recommendation of continued approval after all required documents and reports are submitted to the Board as stated in recommendation numbers one (1) and (2).

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

**5. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program – Request to Admit Students. (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)**

The director of the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program requests permission to admit the following classes of students:

1. A full-time class of 10 students starting on March 30, 2015 with a projected graduation date of April 16, 2016, to **replace** the part-time class that will graduate on March 27, 2015.
2. A part-time class of 30 students starting March 3, 2015, with a projected graduation date of October 23, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduates on February 20, 2016.

The EO approved a full-time class of 10 students starting on March 30, 2015 with a projected graduation date of April 16, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the part-time class that will graduate on March 27, 2015; **and** denied the part-time class of 30 students starting March 3, 2015, with a projected graduation date of October 23, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class that graduates on February 20, 2015; **and** approved a part-time class of 20 students starting March 3, 2015, with a projected graduation date of October 23, 2016,

**only, to replace** the class that graduates on February 20, 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The last three most current consecutive quarters, the program has averaged between **18** and **23** percentage points **below** the state average annual average pass rates of first time testers.

The program has shown sufficient faculty, and clinical sites that are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated, to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives. It is important to consider the decline over the last three (3) most current quarters, of the program's annual average pass rate to 53% or 19 percentage points below the state. Approving the admission of thirty (30), rather than forty (40) students in a one-month period will allow the program to focus more on the evaluation of the program and progression and success of 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.

**6. Career Development Institute VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Ladonne Easton, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private)**

On December 9, 2014, the Board received correspondence from the director of Career Development Institute VN Program requesting approval to admit forty (40) students into a full-time day class commencing March 30, 2015, and graduating May 10, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated December 3, 2014.

The EO approved the Career Development Institute VN Program's request to admit **forty (40)** students into a full-time day class commencing March 30, 2015, **only**, graduating May 10, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated in December 2014, **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** Although the program has a 100% annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN®, the Board notes with concern that the number of graduates who have taken the licensure examination remains low. The program instituted changes to increase the numbers of students who would be able to pass the program's exit examination and then take the licensure examination. Since those changes, the attrition rate has decreased from 57% to the more recent rate of 32%.

The program 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 approval surveys every four years.

7. **Charter College, Long Beach, VN Program – Report of Closure (Director: Jayne Grint, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, Private)**

On December 15, 2014, the program was granted approval for the four (4) year period from December 15, 2014 through December 14, 2018. At that time, it was noted that the Board had been informed by the program director of the plan to close the Long Beach campus of Charter College and to complete a teach – out of the initial class of the VN Program.

On February 12, 2015, the Board received notice from the director of the successful completion of the teach – out and closure of the program.

The EO removed the Charter College, Long Beach, VN Program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

**Rationale:** Charter College, Long Beach has confirmed the official closure of the campus and of the VN program.

8. **Imperial Valley College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Change Approved Admission Pattern (Director: Susan Carreon. Imperial, Imperial 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 of the Imperial Valley College VN Program on January 20, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval for the Imperial Valley College VN Program for the period February 20, 2015 through February 19, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to change admission pattern from a class of **20** students **twice** a year to **replace** graduating students, only, to admit one class of **24** students **once** a year to **replace** graduating students **only**, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes one (1) full – time class of 24 students once each 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 must maintain an average annual licensure pass rate within ten (10) percentage points of the California average annual licensure examination pass rate, consistent with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

**Rationale:** For the last twelve (12) consecutive quarters the program has maintained an average annual pass rate compliant with section 2530 (I) of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program currently has an average annual pass rate of **100%** and is compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations and has demonstrated that it has the resources to support the number of students in its approved patterns of admissions.

Due to the program's community demographics, approving the director's request to increase the ongoing number of students per class from twenty (20) to twenty-four (24) students, and decrease the number of classes admitted per year to one (1) is reasonable.

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.

**9. 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 March 25, 2015 and graduating July 31, 2016. This class will **replace** students that graduated on August 18, 2014.

The EO approved the College of Nursing and Technology VN Program's request to admit 30 students into a part-time evening/week-end, Monday/Wednesday /Thursday/Sunday class commencing March 25, 2015, only; graduating July 31, 2016. This class will **replace** students that graduated on August 18, 2014. 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 twenty (20) consecutive quarters. The current average annual pass rate is 80%. The average annual pass rate for the College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program is eight (8) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Based on these statistics, approval of the requested class is recommended.

**10. College of the Redwoods, Del Norte, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Alison Stull, Del Norte 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 all schools of vocational nursing in California.

Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

College of the Redwoods, Del Norte, VN Program completed a Program Records Survey February 17, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued approval for the College of the Redwoods, Del Norte, VN Program for the period November 17, 2014, through November 16, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's current 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 will include 30 students to the full – time class every other year (odd) 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's average annual pass rate has been 100% for the most recent seven (7) consecutive quarters. The program has demonstrated compliance with all sections of 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.

**11. Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP VN Program – Consideration of Request to Change the Pattern of Admissions (Director: Frances Razor, Redlands, San Bernardino County – ROP)**

The Colton Redlands Regional Occupational Program (CRY-ROP) VN Program is requesting to change the pattern of admissions as follows:

- Beginning with the March 2015 **replacement** class, the program is requesting to overlap each outgoing class with an incoming class. The overlap would be four (4) weeks.

The EO approved the Colton Redlands Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program (CRY-ROP) VN Program request to change its ongoing admission pattern 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, only. The incoming classes will overlap the outgoing replacement class by four (4) weeks.

- 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 director requests approval to change the pattern of admissions by creating an overlap of the outgoing class and the incoming class by four (4) weeks. This overlap will allow current students to mentor incoming students, and "create a more cohesive continuity of clinical site rotations."

The program's last quarter pass rate, in which graduates tested is 100%. The current average annual pass rate is 83%. Based on the program's licensure pass rates, the change to the admission pattern is recommended.

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

The Curam College of Nursing VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 20 students commencing March 2, 2015 with a projected graduation date of September 18, 2016.

On February 13, 2015, a Bureau of Private Post-Secondary Education (BPPE) representative contacted the Supervising Education Consultant (SNEC) advising that the Curam College of Nursing was out of compliance with statutory requirements governing private vocational educational institutions. Specifically, the program is not approved by BPPE to offer the Vocational Nursing program.

The EO denied Curam College VN Program's request to admit a class of 20 students on March 2, 2015, only, graduating September 18, 2016, and continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

**Rationale:** The program's licensure pass rates are rising. The last two (2) quarter pass rates were 100%. The current average annual pass rate is 75%. As such, it is three (3) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

Although the program's licensure pass rates are improving, it is concerning to learn that the VN Program is not approved by Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE.) The director verbalizes that he is submitting an application to BPPE for the Vocational Nursing Program this week. He also verbalizes he was unaware of the requirement and is hoping for a speedy resolution. Based on this information, denial of the requested class is recommended.

**13. Cuesta College VN Program – Consideration of Report of Program Survey (Director: Marcia Scott, San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo 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 all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Cuesta College VN Program completed a Program Records Survey January 20, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of the Cuesta College VN Program for the four (4) period from April 12, 2015, through April 11, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's current 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 will include 30 students to the full – time class annually 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's average annual pass rate is currently **24** percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program has demonstrated compliance with all sections of 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.

**14. Kaplan College, Sacramento, VN Program – Report of Unannounced Site Visit (Director: Kim Floyd, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private)**

On February 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 an unannounced inspection was conducted of the Kaplan College, Sacramento, VN Program. During that site visit nine (9) violations were identified.

The EO rescinded approval of the program's ongoing admission of classes effective immediately; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** required the program to obtain Maternity clinical sites sufficient for all current and proposed student enrollment in order to meet the program's Board approved clinical objectives by March 13, 2015; **and** required the director submit verification that all currently enrolled students are scheduled for Maternity and

Pediatric clinical experience in accordance with the Board approved instructional plan; **and** required the program to correct all identified violations and submit documentation confirming the correction thereof no later than **March 20, 2015**.

**Rationale:** On February 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, an unannounced school site visit was conducted. During the site visit, nine (9) violations were identified. As of this writing, the violations remain uncorrected. On two (2) separate occasions, the program admitted classes prior to the previous class exiting. Additionally, it was identified that the program has minimal clinical sites for Pediatrics where students may get clinical experience for care of the sick child and insufficient Maternity clinical sites for the enrolled population; as such it is appropriate to request student rotation schedules for both of these clinical rotations. Revoking the program's ongoing admission is recommended to ensure adequate clinical experience in accordance with the program's Board approved instructional plan.

**15. Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Lynette Ferro Mutia: Los Angeles, Los County, California; Private)**

Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program requests approval to admit 15 students into a part-time class commencing March 12, 2015, graduating on October 29, 2016, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate January 24, 2015.

The EO approved Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program's request to admit 15 students into a part-time class commencing March 15, 2015 **only**, to **replace** the class graduating January 24, 2015. The projected graduation date is October 29, 2016. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate is **64%**, and has remained within **10** percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the last six (6) quarters. The program has adequate resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the proposed enrollment. It is appropriate to approve the requested class.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

**16. NCP College of Nursing, Hayward, VN Program – Consideration of Major Curriculum Revision (Director: Samantha Manlosa Sanchez, Alameda County – Private)**

On January 23, 2015, the Board received a request for approval to implement a major revision of the NCP College of Nursing, Hayward, VN Program curriculum.

The EO approved the NCP College of Nursing, Hayward, VN Program's major revision of its curriculum to include 1569 hours (Theory – 603; Clinical – 960); **and** approved the program's revised instructional plan.

**Rationale:** The Unitek College VN Program curriculum has been implemented at all of Unitek College VN Programs.

Licensing examination pass rates for all Unitek College VN Programs consistently remain above state average annual pass rates. The curriculum is compliant with all Article 5 regulations.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**17. NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students; Consideration of Major Curriculum Revision; Consideration of Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Samantha Manlosa Sanchez, South San Francisco, Private)**

On February 18, 2015, the Board received a request for a major curriculum revision as well as a request to admit three classes:

1. A class of 36 students to begin March 23, 2015, graduating February 26, 2016, to replace the class that graduated February 19, 2015;
2. A class of 36 students to begin July 20, 2015, graduating June 24, 2016, to **replace** the class that will graduate July 11, 2015;
3. A class of 36 students to begin October 19, 2015, graduating September 23, 2016, to **replace** the class that will graduate October 31, 2015.

In addition, the program is requesting approval for ongoing admission of one (1) full – time class of 36 students to be admitted three (3) times per year, to **replace** graduating classes.

The EO approved the NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program's major revision of its curriculum to include 1569 hours (Theory – 603; Clinical – 960); **and** approved the program's revised instructional plan; **and** approved the NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program's request to admit thirty-six (36) students into a full time class commencing March 23, 2015, graduating February 26, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated February 19, 2015; **and** approved the NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program's request to admit thirty-six (36) students into a full time class commencing July 20, 2015, graduating June 24, 2016, to **replace** the class that will graduate July 11, 2015; **and** approved the NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program's request to admit thirty-six (36) students into a full time class commencing October 19, 2015, graduating September 23, 2016, to **replace** the class that will graduate October 31, 2015; **and** approved the program's request for approval of ongoing admissions of 36 students 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 includes three (3) full-time classes of 36 students each per year 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 Unitek College VN Program curriculum has been implemented at all of the Unitek College VN Programs. Unitek College licensure examination pass rates consistently remain above state average annual pass rates. The curriculum is compliant with all Article 5 regulations.

The program's average annual licensure pass rate has been maintained at, or above, the state average annual licensure pass rate for the past eight (8) consecutive quarters. Additionally, the program has documented resources to support the requested students. That data supports the recommendation to approve the requested classes.

Since identified violations in 2010, a new director was approved in 2012. With the acquisition by Unitek, a new director was approved in January 2015. With the exception of three (3) quarters of licensure examination pass rates between 11 to 12 percentage points below state average annual pass rates during 2012, the program has been in compliance with all regulations for the past three (3) years.

A Program Record Survey will be conducted within the year. 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.

**18. North-West College, Pomona, VN Program- Request for Continued Approval; Consideration to Change Approved Admission Pattern (Director: Vicki Lapre, Pomona, 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 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 of the, North West College, Pomona, VN Program on February 4, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

Additionally the director requests to change the pattern of admissions from February, July, and October to, three (3) times a year to **replace** graduates only.

The EO continued approval of the North-West College, Pomona, VN Program for the four (4) year period from April 12, 2015 through April 11, 2019, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; and **approved** the program's request to change its ongoing admissions from 40 students every February, July, and October, to the admission of three (3) classes of 40 students each year to **replace** graduating students only, with the following stipulations.

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The approved pattern of admissions includes the admission of three (3) classes of 40 students each year 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 analysis conducted by Board staff of the Program Record Survey provided by the director substantiates, the program has maintained full compliance of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has the resources, faculty, and facilities to adequately deliver the approved program at the current enrollment.

The program has maintained an annual pass rate that is within ten (10) percentage points of the State average pass rate, for first time candidates, for sixteen (16) consecutive quarters. As such, the program's current pass rate statistics are consistent with regulatory requirements, and supports a recommendation for full approval and continued ongoing admissions of three (3) classes of 40 students per year to replace graduating students only.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

**19. Southern California Medical College VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Nomar Tongco, Bakersfield, Kern County, Private)**

The Southern California Medical College VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 full-time students on March 9, 2015, graduating on April 14, 2016. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate on February 20, 2015.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 30 full-time students on October 5, 2015, graduating on November 11, 2016. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate on September 18, 2015.

The EO approved Southern California Medical College VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 full-time students on March 9, 2015 graduating on April 14, 2016, only, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on February 20, 2015; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 full-time students on October 5, 2015; graduating on November 11, 2016, only, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on September 18, 2015; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** On November 10, 2011, the Board placed the program on provisional approval. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 20%.

On November 6, 2013, the Board approved the program for a four – year term. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 94%. Further, the program's average annual pass rates have been 19 to 24 percentage points above state average annual pass rates since the Board's November 6, 2013 decision.

The program's current **quarter** pass rate is **100%**. The **average annual pass rate** is **91%**. This is **19** percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program's licensure pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the most recent eight (8) consecutive quarters. As such, the requested classes are recommended.

**20. Visalia Adult School VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Mary Guinn Felsted, Visalia, Tulare 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' inspections or visits 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 submitted by the Visalia Adult School VN Program on January 8, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval for the Visalia Adult School VN Program for the four – year period from April 10, 2015, through April 9, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's ongoing admissions 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 (1) full – time classes of sixty (60) students every year to **replace** graduating classes 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 analysis conducted by Board staff of the Program Record Survey provided by the director substantiates, the program has maintained full compliance of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has the resources, faculty, and facilities to adequately deliver the approved program at the current enrollment.

The program has maintained an annual pass rate that is within ten (10) percentage points of the State average pass rate, for first time candidates, for twenty-two (22) consecutive quarters. As such, the program's current pass rate statistics are consistent with regulatory requirements, which supports a recommendation for full approval and continued ongoing admissions which follow the current admission pattern.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

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

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program requests approval to admit 15 students into a 15-month, evening class commencing on April 7, 2015, graduating June 26, 2016, to **replace** students that graduate on April 3, 2015.

The EO approved West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 15 students on April 7, 2015, graduating June 26, 2016, only, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on April 3, 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** Based on published examination statistics the program's average annual average pass rate is 69% which is three (3) percentage points below the state for first time test takers. The program has remained compliant with Section 2530(I) for the last three most current quarters. Additionally, the program has adequate resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the proposed enrollment.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

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**22. California Career Institute, Hawthorne – VN Program – Report of Survey for Initial Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Hawthorne, 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 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 survey visit was completed at the California Career Institute, Hawthorne VN Program on February 18, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO approved the California Career Institute, Hawthorne VN Program for the four-year period from April 30, 2015, through April 29, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 part-time students on June 15, 2015, with an expected graduation on February 19, 2017, **only**, to **replace** students graduating May 5, 2015; **and** denied the program's request to admit a class of 30 full-time students on June 29, 2015, graduating on July 24, 2016; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Board representative conducted a campus survey on February 18, 2015. No violations were found. The college has adequate resources including faculty, clinical facilities, library, staff and support services, physical space, and skills laboratory and equipment to achieve the program's objectives.

Currently, there are no graduates eligible to take the NCLEX-PN®. As such, it is prudent to approve one class to **replace** the first graduating class, and deny the approval of a second class until pass rates from the first graduating class can be evaluated. Additionally, the program has met all requirements for approval.

**23. California Nurses Educational Institute, Inc. PT Program – Report of Program Records Survey; Request to Close Program (Director: NO DIRECTOR – Cathedral City, Riverside County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 4532 of the PT Rules and Regulations, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all PT schools 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 PT Rules and Regulations. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted. Based on submitted documents and materials, the program has had no students enrolled since May 6, 2009.

The EO removed the program from the Board's *List of Approved Psychiatric Technician Programs*.

**Rationale:** The psychiatric technician program graduated its last class May 6, 2009 and has been inactive seven (7) years. As such, no students are currently enrolled in classes. The last licensure pass rates available for the program were listed in Quarter 3, 2008. That data was based on one (1) student testing and failing. This caused the program's average annual pass to plummet to zero (0) percent. Prior to this quarter, the program had seven (7) quarters of no candidates testing.

On March 11, 2015, the Board contacted the director and she indicated the school wishes to continue to keep the program; however, she did not know when they might request to admit students. Additionally, she advised the NEC that she was terminating her employment with CNEI effective immediately.

On April 1, 2015, the CEO of California Nurses Educational Institute provided a formal request to close the program.

Based on this information, it is recommended that the program be closed due to inactivity. Should the institution desire to admit a future class, a new proposal with an updated curriculum, in addition to other resources will be required.

**24. Casa Loma College, Van Nuys, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Change in Ongoing Admission Pattern (Director: Elena Barolet, Van Nuys, Los Angeles County - Private)**

On February 4, 2015, the Board received a request from the director of the Casa Loma, Van Nuys, VN Program to admit one (1) full – time evening class of twenty (20) students to start April 6, 2015 and to graduate March 30, 2016.

In addition, the director requested a revision of the program's ongoing pattern of admissions which, as approved on October 4, 2012, is 30 students each to full-time class admitted every January, March, June, August and October. The program requests one (1) evening class of twenty (20) students per year be added to the pattern of ongoing admissions.

The EO approved the program's request to admit one (1) full – time evening class of 20 students to start April 6, 2015 and to graduate March 30, 2016, only; **and** approved the program's request to change their ongoing pattern of admissions to **replace** graduating students with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's approved pattern of admissions is full – time day classes of 30 students admitted five (5) times per year and one (1) full – time evening class of 20 students admitted 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's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. While licensing examination pass rates are still within compliance with regulations, the decrease in pass rates over the most recent quarter is concerning. However, the program has taken a proactive approach and changed admission criteria and increased support and NCLEX review available to 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. Further, the program's review related to ongoing program approval will be conducted in less than two (2) years.

**25. Clovis Adult & Vocational Education VN Program - Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Gwen Ross, Director, Fresno 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 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.

Clovis Adult & Vocational Education VN Program submitted a completed Program Record Survey on February 13, 2015, requesting continued approval. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No Violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of the Clovis Adult & Vocational Education VN Program for the four – year period from June 20, 2015 through June 19, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admission pattern to **replace** graduating students 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 includes admission of 45 students and four (4) alternates every fall and spring semester.

- 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 analysis conducted by Board staff of the Program Record Survey provided by the director substantiates the program has maintained full compliance if Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has the resources, faculty and facilities, adequate to deliver the approved program at the current enrollment.

The program has maintained an annual pass rate that is within 10 percentage points of the state for the last consecutive sixteen (16) quarters, with the seven (7) most current quarters averaging **10 to 16** percentage points **above** the State.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's resources, and track the program's licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

**26. College of the Desert VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Wayne Boyer, Palm Desert, Riverside 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 all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visit or inspection shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The College of the Desert VN Program submitted its Program Record Survey requesting continued approval. An analysis of submitted documents and materials was completed March 10, 2015. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of the College of the Desert VN Program for the four-year period from May 14, 2015, through May 13, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued ongoing admissions of 60 students to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations.

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admission without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission on one (1) class of 60 students yearly in August, 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 VN Rules and Regulations.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has adequate resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the proposed enrollment. It is appropriate to approve the continued approval.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

**27. Concorde Career College, Garden Grove, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Kary Weybrew, 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' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Concorde Career College, Garden Grove, VN Program completed and submitted their Program Records Survey February 4, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of Concorde Career College, Garden Grove, VN Program for the four (4) year period from February 21, 2015 through February 20, 2019, and directed staff to 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 45 full-time students each January, April, July and October annually, only; and, one (1) part – time class of 45 students every 20 months, up to three (3) times a 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 VN Rules and Regulations.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5, Section 2530 (a) of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program submitted documentation indicating it has the resources necessary to support the number of students in the Board approved programs. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

**28. Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Lu Ping Gamble, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)**

The Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program requests Board approval to admit 30 students to the part-time - evening course of instruction beginning on August 10, 2015. Graduation is scheduled for April 5, 2017.

The EO approved the Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program's request to admit 30 students into its part-time, evening course of instruction on August 10, 2015; graduating on April 5, 2017; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to admission of additional part – time classes; **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) full – time class of 42 students five (5) times per year, only. Board approval is required prior to the admission of each part – time class.
- 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 is **88%**. Over the last 14 consecutive quarters, the program's average annual pass rate has been **11 to 18** percentage points **above** State average annual pass rates. Based on these statistics, approval of the program's admission of a part-time class of 30 students is recommended.

**29. Downey Adult School VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Mariana Pacheco, Downey, 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' visit or inspection shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Downey Adult School VN Program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO approved Downey Adult School VN Program's application for continued approval for the period from May 30, 2015, through May 29, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing pattern of admissions to **replace** graduating students, 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 two (2) full – time classes of 30 students in January and May of each year, to **replace** graduating classes 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:** Published program licensure statistics substantiate that the program's has maintained compliance with Section 2510(l) of the California Code of Regulations for the last sixteen (16) consecutive quarters. For the current reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is 72% equal to the state average annual pass rate.

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 rates quarterly.

**30. Homestead Schools VN Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Mila Rose Reyes, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Homestead Schools VN Program has requested approval to admit three classes of students:

1. One (1) weekend class of twenty (20) students to begin April 18, 2015, graduating February 19, 2017 to **replace** the class that graduated February 7, 2015.
2. One (1) full – time day class of thirty (30) students to begin April 20, 2015, graduating February 15, 2016 to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015.
3. One (1) full – time evening class of thirty (30) students to begin April 20, 2015, graduating April 15, 2016 to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015.

The EO denied approval of the program's admission of a full – time day class of thirty (30) students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating on April 15, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015; **and** approved the program's admission of a **full – time day class of twenty (20)** students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating on April 15, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015; **and** denied approval the program's request to admit a class of twenty (20) students to the part – time weekend class to start on April 18, 2015 and graduating on February 19, 2017, to **replace** the class that graduated February 7, 2015; **and** approved the

program's request to admit a class of **ten (10)** students to the **part – time** weekend class to start on April 18, 2015 and graduating on February 19, 2017, to **replace** the class that graduated February 7, 2015; **and** denied approval of the program's admission of a full – time evening class of thirty (30) students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating April 15, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015; **and** approved the program's admission of a **full – time evening class of twenty (20)** students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating April 15, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015; **and** required the program to provide no less than one (1) instructor for every 10 (ten) students in all clinical experiences; **and** continued to require the program to admit classes on the date approved, only; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program presents with adequate faculty and clinical facilities to support the proposed students. However, two (2) consumer protection issues are identified.

The current licensing examination average annual pass rate for the program is **66%**, which is **six (6)** percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. The program is consistently **below** the state average annual pass rate but has not remained greater than 10 percentage points below the average annual pass rate for more than three (3) consecutive quarters over the course of the program's history. The program now has **26 quarters** of licensing examination data. The first **seven (7) quarters were above** the state average annual rate. A total of **two (2) quarters were equal** to the state rate and a total of **17 quarters were below the state rate**. Of those 17 quarters, **six (6) were greater than 10 points below** the state average annual pass rate.

Also of serious concern is the number of students who complete program hours but fail to meet all exit requirements.

Reducing class sizes will allow greater focus on the individual students and increase the likelihood of reducing the number of students who complete program hours but fail to meet all exit requirements. In addition, greater focus on a smaller number of students may also contribute to improvements in licensing examination pass rates.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**31. Institute of Technology, Modesto – Request to Begin a VN Program (Director: Paula Richards, Modesto, Stanislaus County, Private)**

The Institute of Technology submitted a request to begin a VN program in Modesto, California with an initial full-time class of 30 students with three (3) alternates on August 13, 2015. The projected graduation date for that class is July 29, 2016.

The program will utilize the Board-approved curriculum currently used at the Institute of Technology's VN Program in Redding.

The program's philosophy addresses the program's beliefs about Man, Environment/Society, Health, Nursing, Nursing Education, and the Teaching/Learning Process (see Attachment A). The program's conceptual framework is based on the theory of self-care, developed by nursing theorist Dorothea Orem. (See Attachment B)

The full-time program consists of three 15-week terms. Students will have the following holidays: Martin Luther King's birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

The program will offer a 90-hour clinical preceptorship to all students during the last five (5) weeks of the program and has obtained enough clinical preceptor slots for the proposed enrollment.

The EO approved the Institute of Technology, Modesto, request to begin a VN program with an initial full-time class of 30 students on July 13, 2015 only, and graduating July 29, 2016; **and** approved the program curriculum for 1575 hours, including 585 theory and 990 clinical hours; **and** required the program to submit documentation substantiating current approval by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education prior to commencement of the initial class; **and** required the program to obtain prior Board approval before admission of subsequent classes to maintain compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2526(c) that states:

*“(c) A Board representative shall make a survey visit prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval.”*

**Rationale:** The school has demonstrated compliance with requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Article 5. Schools of Vocational Nursing.

Board staff will monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of the curriculum and employed instructional methodologies, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**32. Kaplan College, Sacramento, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Kim Floyd, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private)**

The Kaplan College, Sacramento, VN Program requests approval to admit the following classes:

1. A class of 30 students on April 20, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on April 17, 2015. The requested class would graduate April 24, 2016; **and**,
2. A class of 30 students on July 27, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on July 17, 2015. The requested class would graduate July 29, 2016; **and**,
3. A class of 30 students on October 29, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on October 28, 2016. The requested class would graduate November 2, 2016.

The EO approved a class of 30 students on April 20, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on April 17, 2015, graduating April 24, 2016; **and** approved a class of 30 students on July 27, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on July 17, 2015, graduating July 29, 2016; **and** approved a class of 30 students on October 29, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on October 28, 2016, graduating November 2, 2016; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** On February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 an unannounced school site visit was conducted. During the site visit, nine (9) violations were identified. All nine (9) violations currently have a plan in place and are being implemented. As presented, the plans are considered adequate to address the violations. Based on the actions of the program to correct the violations and the program's current average annual pass rate, approval of the classes are recommended.

It is noted that the program has maintained compliance with regulatory requirements relative to average annual pass rates on the licensure examination over the past 21 consecutive quarters. However, the number and criticality of identified violations and the program's actions subsequent to notification of the Executive Officer's decisions strongly support the recommendation to continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**33. Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program – Consideration of Program Records Survey For Continued Approval (Director: Helen Taylor, Thousand Oaks, Ventura 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 or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Professional Medical Careers Institute, VN Program completed and submitted their Program Records Survey February 27, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of the Professional Medical Careers Institute, VN Program for the four-year period from February 25, 2015, through February 24, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admission pattern to **replace** graduating classes, 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 every six (6) months to replace graduating classes, 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 all sections of 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.

**34. Summit Career College, Anaheim, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Renee Sheehan, Anaheim, Orange County, Private)**

On January 30, 2015, the Board received a request to admit one (1) full – time class of 45 students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating April 22, 2016. This would **replace** the class that graduated January 23, 2015.

In addition, the Board received a request to admit one (1) part – time class of 45 students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating October 30, 2016. This would replace the class that graduated May 11, 2014.

The EO deferred a decision on the program's request to admit one (1) full – time class of **45** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating April 22, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class that graduated January 23, 2015; **and** deferred a decision on the program's request to admit one (1) part – time class of **45** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating October 30, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class that graduated May 11, 2014; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program had non-compliant pass rates on the licensing examination during all quarters of 2013. Actions were initiated by the director, who was approved in August 2013, to ensure that the program follows all school policies to support students in their basic education and in preparation for the licensure examination. Retraining of all Anaheim LVN faculty was conducted in October 2013. The program had compliant pass rates on the licensing examination throughout the first three (3) quarters of 2014. **The current average annual pass rate is 13 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.** The director reported on a new round of improvements intended to improve the pass rate.

The directives from ACCET to cease enrollments have been lifted as of the December 2014 Commission meeting. **Currently, the program has approval from ACCET to enroll no greater than 100 students between December 2014 and the next Commission meeting in April 2015.** To date, this Board has not approved any admissions during this time period.

Given that the program has documented adequate resources to support the students, that the program has approval from ACCET to enroll up to 100 students during this time period, and that the program has instituted further plans to improve licensure pass rates, a recommendation to approve the requested admissions is reasonable. However, clarification of the program's approval by the BPPE is required.

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 continued approval surveys every four years.

**35. Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Renee Sheehan, Colton, San Bernardino County, Private)**

Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program has requested approval to admit one (1) part – time class of **60** students beginning March 23, 2015 and graduating October 30, 2016. This would **replace** the part – time class that began June 3, 2013 and graduated January 11, 2015. **The class that began June 3, 2013 was an unapproved admission.**

The program has also requested approval to admit one (1) full – time class of **60** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating April 22, 2016. This would **replace** the class that began March 10, 2014 and is scheduled to graduate March 6, 2015.

The EO approved Summit Career College, Colton, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit **one** part – time class of **sixty (60)** students to start March 23, 2015, ending October 30, 2016, only, to **replace** the class that graduated January 11, 2015; **and** deferred a decision on the program's request to admit one full – time class of sixty (60) students to start April 27, 2015, ending April 22, 2016, only, to **replace** the class

that will graduate March 6, 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rates on the licensure examination have been compliant with regulatory requirements for the past two (2) years. The program's current average annual pass rate of 77% is five (5) percentage points **above** the State average annual pass rate.

The program has documented adequate resources to support the current and proposed students. The requested enrollments do not exceed the limits placed by ACCET.

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#### **36. Career Care Institute, Lancaster, VN Program – Request for Continued Approval (Director: Linda Malek-Jones, 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 all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' findings shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Board received the completed Program Records Survey from the Career Care Institute, Lancaster, VN Program on March 18, 2015. The program was evaluated to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of Career Care Institute, Lancaster, VN Program for the four (4) year period from April 10, 2015 through April 9, 2019, and directed staff to 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 approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern for admissions will be four full-time classes of 40 students per class each calendar year, to **replace** graduating classes 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 licensure pass rate that is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual licensure examination pass rate, consistent with Section 2530 (I) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

**Rationale:** Reported licensure examination statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rate was within ten (10) percentage points of the

state average annual pass rate for six (6) of the previous eight (8) quarters. It is noted that, based on the most recent reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is 62% which is nine (9) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The Board recognizes over the last two most recent quarters, a decrease in the quarterly pass rate. Currently the quarter 1, 2015, pass rate is 54%, 19 percentage points below the State quarterly pass rate.

Based on submitted information and licensure examination statistics as published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction," the program has demonstrated compliance with Article 5, Section 2530 (a) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

The program has submitted documentation indicating it has the resources necessary to support the current and projected students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

**37. Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center, VN Program – Request for Major Curriculum Change; Request to Admit Students (Director: Laarni Gallardo, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Adult School)**

The Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to make a major curriculum change. The change includes increasing the total program hours from 1554 to 1652, which includes 664 theory hours and 988 clinical hours.

Additionally, the director requests approval to admit a class of 30 students on May 18, 2015, 2014, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate on May 8, 2015. The requested class would graduate on March 1, 2016.

The EO approved the director's request for a major curriculum revision with a total of 1652 hours; including 664 theory and 988 clinical hours; **and** approved the program to admit class of 30 students on May 18, 2015, expected to graduate March 1, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class that graduated in May 8, 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's current average annual pass rate is 74%. This is 2 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. The program has adequate resources to administer the program and meet student learning and program objectives. The new curriculum increases the total hours from 1554 to 1650, maintains the programs philosophy and conceptual concept. The new curriculum provides correlation between theory and clinical, and provides additional critical thinking exercises to help students become better equipped to the workplace.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed

interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**38. Community Enhancement Services (CES) VN Program – Requests to Admit Students (Director: Oleg Khilkevich, Burbank, Los Angeles County, Private).**

The Community Enhancement Services (CES) VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 20 full-time, evening students commencing on May 5, 2015, graduating August 7, 2016. This class will **replace** students that graduated on November 21, 2014.

The EO approved the Community Enhancement Services (CES) Vocational Nursing Program's request for approval to admit a class of 20 full-time day students commencing on May 5, 2015, graduating August 7, 2016; only, to **replace** the students that graduated on November 21, 2014; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

**Rationale:** Published examination data demonstrate the program's difficulties maintaining compliant annual average pass rates. Statistics confirm the program's compliance for nine (9) and noncompliance for eleven (11) of the previous 17 consecutive quarters. Board files substantiate prior efforts to achieve sustained improvement.

As noted previously, an improvement of 54 percentage points is identified in the program's quarter pass rate over the most recent two (2) quarters, from 29% to 83%. However, it is also noted that for the same period, the average annual pass rate has improved four percentage points. Based on statistics for the most recent period, Quarter 1 – 2015, the program's average annual pass rate is **50%**, **-21** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Due to the extensive program analysis and implemented processes submitted by the director, and the 2015, Quarter 1 NCLEX-PN® pass rate of 83%, it is prudent to approve the program's requested class.

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.

**39. Feather River College, Fall River Mills, VN Program – Request to Close Program (Director: Judith Mahan, Fall River Mills, Sierra County, Community College)**

On April 22, 2015, the Board received electronic correspondence from Judy Mahan, Director of the VN program, requesting closure of the Feather River College, Fall River Mills Campus, VN Program.

Based on the published examination statistics, no graduates from Feather River College, Fall River Mills campus have taken the NCLEX-PN® licensure examination

for the last eleven (11) quarters. There are no current students enrolled in the program and no students will be displaced.

The EO removed the Feather River College, Fall River Mills, VN Program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

**Rationale:** The program has requested to close the program due to low enrollment. There are no students enrolled in the program. No program graduates have taken the licensure examination for the last eleven (11) quarters.

**40. Homestead Schools VN Program - Reconsideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Mila Rose Reyes, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)**

On April 1, 2015, the Executive Officer's decision to approve the following recommendations was finalized:

1. Deny approval of the program's admission of a full – time day class of thirty (30) students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating on April 15, 2016. This class would replace the class that graduated February 27, 2015.
2. Approve the program's admission of a **full – time day class of twenty (20)** students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating on April 15, 2016. This class would **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015.
3. Deny approval the program's request to admit a class of twenty (20) students to the part – time weekend class to start on April 18, 2015 and graduating on February 19, 2017. This class would replace the class that graduated February 7, 2015.
4. Approve the program's request to admit a class of **ten (10)** students to the **part – time** weekend class to start on April 18, 2015 and graduating on February 19, 2017. This class would **replace** the class that graduated February 7, 2015.
5. Deny approval of the program's admission of a full – time evening class of thirty (30) students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating April 15, 2016. This class would replace the class that graduated February 27, 2015.
6. Approve the program's admission of a **full – time evening class of twenty (20)** students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating April 15, 2016. This class would **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015.
7. Continue to require the program to admit classes on the date approved, **only**.
8. Continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

On April 15, 2015, the program requested the following:

- “1. For the full-time evening class, instead of 20 students, we’ll admit 10 students. Allow us to start the class on May 18, 2015, instead of April 20, 2015.
2. For the part-time weekend class, instead of 10 students, allow us to admit 20 students on April 18, 2015.”

The EO approved the program’s request to delay the full – time evening class from April 20, 2015 to May 18, 2015, only; **and** contingent upon decreasing the full – time evening class beginning May 18, 2015 to no more than ten (10) students, **approved** the program’s request to admit 20 (twenty) students to the part – time weekend class beginning April 18, 2015 and graduating February 19, 2017, only; **and** continued to require the program to admit classes on the date approved, only; **and** continued the program’s requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program presents with adequate faculty and clinical facilities to support the proposed students.

Significant concerns remain regarding licensure examination pass rates and the number of students completing program hours but failing to meet all exit requirements. The program is reminded that reducing class sizes will allow greater focus on the individual students and increase the likelihood of reducing the number of students who complete program hours but fail to meet all exit requirements. In addition, greater focus on a smaller number of students may also contribute to improvements in licensing examination pass rates.

Board staff will closely monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, by carefully analyzing resources when evaluating admission requests, by reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and by performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**41. Medical Allied Career Center, VN Program -- Request to Admit Students (Director: Alfie Ignacio, Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Medical Allied Career Center, VN Program requests Board approval to admit a part-time class of 20 students commencing May 5, 2015 with a projected graduation date of November 31, 2016, to **replace** students who graduated February 2015.

The EO approved the program’s request to admit 20 part – time students commencing May 5, 2015, graduating November 31, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate February, 2015; **and** continued the program’s requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Based on the most recent data available (October through December 2014), the program’s average annual pass rate is 61%, which is 11 percentage points below the state. The Program had remained compliant with the Section 2530 (l) of the California Rules and Regulations for

seven consecutive quarters. The program director developed and implemented a plan to increase the licensure examination pass rates.

The program has the resources, faculty and facilities, adequate to deliver the approved program at the current enrollment.

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.

**42. North-West College, Pasadena, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Arvella Battick, Pasadena, 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' inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On April 1, 2015, the Board received North West College, Pasadena, VN Program's completed Program Record Survey with supporting documents, requesting continued approval. The program was evaluated to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No Violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of the North-West College, Pasadena, VN Program for the period August 1, 2015, through July 31, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes the admission of 30 students each to one (1) day class and two (2) evening classes yearly, 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's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

**Rationale:** The analysis conducted by Board staff of the Program Record Survey provided by the director substantiates the program has maintained full compliance if Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

Based on published examination statistics the program's most current quarter 4, 2014 average annual average pass rate is 68, which is 4 percentage points below the state for first time test takers.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities to support the current and proposed enrollment. 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.

**43. Platt College, Alhambra, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Consideration of Major Curriculum Revision. (Director: Janice Montgomery, Alhambra, 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' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Platt College VN Program submitted its Program Records Survey and request for continued approval in May 2014. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The curriculum was still in the process of being revised and inconsistencies were identified in several policies. The program then revised several policies. Final submission of the revised curriculum was accepted on March 30, 2015. A revised Program Record Survey was received on April 17, 2015. At that time, one violation was identified.

Currently, the program is in violation of section 2530 (l) with **five (5)** consecutive quarters of program pass rates more than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

The EO approved the Platt College VN Program's request for a major curriculum revisions to include 1750 hours, including 671 theory hours and 1079 clinical hours; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** placed the program on the Board's August 2015 agenda for consideration of placement on provisional approval.

**Rationale:** The program has, over the past year, made a number of important changes in policy, curriculum, and support to past and current students. Through the revised Program Record Survey, the program has documented adequate resources to support the objectives of the program. The program was found to be in violation of regulations related to program pass rates; no other violations are identified in the recently revised Program Record Survey.

Based on the most recent data available (January through March, 2015), the program's average annual pass rate is **39%**, which is **32** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program now has **five (5)** consecutive quarters **below** the state average annual pass rate. An improvement plan was implemented by the program in late 2014. The new curriculum is to be implemented with the next admission to the program.

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. In addition, the program must request approval prior to admitting new students.

**44. Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, VN Program – Consideration of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Rancho Mirage, Riverside 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 Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, VN Program completed and submitted their Program Records Survey February 27, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The program is requesting approval to admit 30 students on May 26, 2015; graduating July 28, 2016. This class will overlap the outgoing class by 10 weeks.

The EO continued approval of the Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, VN Program for the four-year period from April 19, 2015 through April 18, 2019; **and** denied the program's request to admit a class of 30 students on May 26, 2015, with a projected graduation date of July 28, 2016; **and** approved the program's admission of a class of 20 students on May 26, 2015, only, with a projected graduation date of July 28, 2016; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** required the director to investigate and submit a report identifying the cause(s) of the declining licensure pass rates and a plan to correct the deficiencies by **May 15, 2015**.

**Rationale:** The program's quarter result is **17%** and the average annual pass rate is **41%**. As such, the average annual pass rate is **30** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's licensure pass rates have steadily declined since quarter four (4) of 2013. Based on this decline it would behoove the director to investigate the cause(s) of the decline.

The class requested would overlap the outgoing class by ten (10) weeks. Subsequent to the 10 week overlap, the program would have just the one (1) class. Decreasing the number of students admitted from 30 to 20 will allow instructors and the director to focus on the enrolled students. The director will also be able to better investigate issues that are impacting the program's licensure pass rates. Additionally, decreasing the number

of students an instructor is assigned will allow them to assist students to perform at optimum level.

**45. Summit Career College, Anaheim, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Renee Sheehan, Colton, San Bernardino County, Private)**

On January 30, 2015, the Board received a request to admit one (1) full – time class of 45 students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating April 22, 2016. This would **replace** the class that graduated January 23, 2015.

In addition, the Board received a request to admit one (1) part – time class of 45 students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating October 30, 2016. This would replace the class that graduated May 11, 2014.

The EO required the program to submit documentation of the Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education's approval of the Anaheim campus Vocational Nursing Program, including approval to admit students to the site of the Board-approved Vocational Nursing Program; **and** denied the program's request to admit one (1) full – time class of **45** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating April 22, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class that graduated January 23, 2015; **and** contingent upon approval by the Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education of the Anaheim site and the ability of the program to admit students to the Vocational Nursing Program at the Anaheim site, approve the program's request to admit one (1) full – time class of **thirty (30)** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating April 22, 2016, **only**, to replace the class that graduated January 23, 2015; **and** denied the program's request to admit one (1) part – time class of **45** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating October 30, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class that graduated May 11, 2014; **and** contingent upon approval by the Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education of the Anaheim site and the ability of the program to admit students to the Vocational Nursing Program at the Anaheim site, approve the program's request to admit one (1) part – time class of **thirty (30)** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating October 30, 2016, **only**, to replace the class that graduated May 11, 2014; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program had non-compliant pass rates on the licensing examination during all quarters of 2013. Actions were initiated by the director, who was approved in August 2013, to ensure that the program follows all school policies to support students in their basic education and in preparation for the licensure examination. Retraining of all Anaheim LVN faculty was conducted in October 2013. The program had compliant pass rates on the licensing examination throughout the first three (3) quarters of 2014. The program's pass rates have been non-compliant with regulations for the past **two** quarters. **The current average annual pass rate is 19 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.** The director reported on a new round of improvements intended to improve the pass rate. A reduced class size will allow for more

individualized attention and a greater likelihood of success of the students as well as improvement in the program pass rate.

Enrollment limitations were lifted by ACCET on April 16, 2015. Given that the program has documented adequate resources to support the students, that the program has approval from ACCET to enroll students, and that the program has instituted further plans to improve licensure pass rates, a recommendation to approve the requested admissions is reasonable.

However, the program's lacks documentation of approval of the Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education for the Anaheim site address on file with this Board. As such, the Board cannot approve admissions to the Summit College, Anaheim, VN Program at this time.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program closely by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing continued approval surveys every four years.

**46. Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Renee Sheehan, Colton, San Bernardino County, Private)**

Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program has requested approval to admit one (1) full – time class of **60** students beginning April 27, 2015 and graduating April 22, 2016. This would **replace** the class that began March 10, 2014 and is scheduled to graduate March 6, 2015.

The EO approved the Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program's request to admit **one** full – time class of **sixty (60)** students to start April 29, 2015, ending April 24, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class that will graduate March 6, 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rates on the licensure examination have been compliant with regulatory requirements for the past two (2) years. The program's current average annual pass rate of 69% is **two (2)** percentage points **below** the State average annual pass rate.

The program has documented adequate resources to support the current and proposed students. The program's accrediting body has removed all enrollment limitations.

**47. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program – Request for Continued Approval (Director: Karen Hall, Beverly Hills, 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 or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills Campus, VN Program submitted a completed Program Record Survey and supporting documentation on March 13, 2015, requesting continued approval. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No Violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of the West Coast Ultrasound, Beverly Hills Campus, VN Program for the four – year period from July 9, 2015 through July 8, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** The analysis conducted by Board staff of the Program Record Survey provided by the director substantiates the program has maintained full compliance if Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has the resources, faculty and facilities, adequate to deliver the approved program at the current enrollment.

Based on published examination statistics the program's most current Quarter 4, 2014 average annual average pass rate is 69%, which is 3 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for first time test takers.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.