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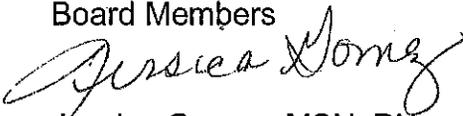
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History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A, History of Prior Board Actions)

Enrollment

The program offers a full-time curriculum and must obtain approval of the Board prior to admitting each class.

The following table represents student enrollment based on approved class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 52 students** for the period from **March 2012 through September 2016**.

ENROLLMENT DATA

CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
3/12		15	10	10
7/12		13	11	10 + 11 = 21
11/12		19	15	21 + 15 = 36
3/13		0	0	36 + 0 = 36
	6/13 (3/12 Class)		-10	36 - 10 = 26
7/13		0	0	26 + 0 = 26
10/13		30	19	26 + 19 = 45
	11/13 (7/12 Class)		-11	45 - 11 = 34
	3/14 (11/12 Class)		-15	34 - 15 = 19
3/14		28	21	19 + 21 = 40
7/14		15	12	40 + 12 = 52
	10/14 (10/13 Class)		-19	52 - 19 = 33
11/14		15	13	33 + 13 = 46
	3/15 (3/14 Class)		-21	46 - 21 = 25
3/15		18	15	25 + 15 = 40
	7/15 (7/14 Class)		-12	40 - 12 = 28
7/15		22	20	28 + 20 = 48
	11/15 (11/14 Class)		-13	48 - 13 = 35
	3/16 (3/15 Class)		-15	35 - 15 = 20
3/16	3/17	0	0	20 + 0 = 20
	7/16 (7/15 Class)		-20	20 - 20 = 0

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by Pearson Vue and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction" for the period January 2012 through September, 2016, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN®) and the variance from state average annual pass rates.

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Average Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate [CCR §2530 (l)]	Variance from State Average Annual Pass Rate
Jan – Mar 2012	16	16	100	77%	94%	74%	+20
Apr – Jun 2012	3	3	100%	72%	95%	74%	+21
Jul – Sep 2012	8	4	50%	74%	88%	74%	+14
Oct – Dec 2012	15	12	80%	70%	83%	74%	+9
Jan – Mar 2013	21	14	67%	75%	70%	73%	-3
Apr – Jun 2013	3	2	67%	78%	68%	73%	-5
Jul – Sep 2013	11	11	100%	75%	78%	74%	+4
Oct – Dec 2013	11	11	100%	76%	83%	76%	+7
Jan – Mar 2014	11	8	73%	74%	89%	76%	+13
Apr – Jun 2014	6	2	33%	66%	82%	73%	+9
Jul – Sep 2014	9	3	33%	72%	65%	73%	-8
Oct – Dec 2014	4	0	0%	72%	43%	72%	-29
Jan – Mar 2015	9	5	56%	73%	36%	71%	-35
Apr – Jun 2015	4	3	75%	69%	42%	72%	-30
Jul – Sep 2015	9	4	44%	73%	46%	72%	-26
Oct – Dec 2015	10	6	60%	75%	56%	72%	-16
Jan – Mar 2016	14	7	50%	73%	54%	73%	-19
Apr – Jun 2016	6	2	33%	75%	49%	74%	-25
Jul – Sep 2016	22	21	96%	76%	69%	73%	-4

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

California Code of Regulations section 2530(l) states:

"The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates of approved vocational nursing schools for the same period."

Based on the **most recent data available** (July through September 2016), the program's average annual pass rate is **69%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time during the same period is 73%. The average annual pass rate for the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program is **four (4) percentage points above** the state

average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

The program has closed and no longer has faculty or facilities.

Other Considerations

As noted previously, the Board placed the program on provisional approval on May 13, 2016. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with regulatory requirements related to pass rates on the licensure examination for six (6) consecutive quarters. At that time, it was noted that program correspondence, dated April 8, 2016, specified the intent to suspend all admissions. Further, the program advised of the intent to close, effective July 8, 2016, the projected date of graduation for students enrolled at that time.

On August 16, 2016, the Board received correspondence from Dr. Danika Bowen, Provost, dated August 15, 2016, relative to closure of the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program (see Attachment B). The program described weekly NCLEX-PN preparation sessions and continued ATI virtual review support as well as additional support available at the Carrington College, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program, approximately 50 miles away.

Recommendations:

1. Accept the voluntary closure of the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program.
2. Remove the program from the *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Programs*, effective immediately.

Rationale: As noted previously, the Board placed the program on provisional approval on May 13, 2016, due to the program's noncompliance with regulatory requirements related to pass rates on the licensure examination for six (6) consecutive quarters. At that time, it was noted that program correspondence, dated April 8, 2016, specified the intent to suspend all admissions, and close, effective July 8, 2016, the projected date of graduation for students enrolled at that time. On August 15, 2016, the Board received program correspondence confirming the program's closure.

Should the Board accept the program's request to close, no students will be impacted. The program's last class graduated July 8, 2016.

Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions

Attachment B: Program Correspondence Dated August 15, 2016.

Agenda Item #19.A.1. Attachment A

CARRINGTON COLLEGE, PLEASANT HILL VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

History of Prior Board Actions

- On May 11, 2006, the Executive Officer approved Western Career College, Antioch, to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 37 students on May 22, 2006, only; and approved the program curriculum for 1565 hours, including 611 theory, and 954 clinical hours.
- On April 11, 2007, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for Western Career College, Antioch, Vocational Nursing Program for the period from April 12, 2007, through April 11, 2011, and issued a certificate accordingly; approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 32 students to start on October 8, 2007, only, to replace students graduating on September 28, 2007; and approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 32 students to start on June 11, 2007, only, thereby increasing the program's frequency of admissions.
- On March 20, 2008 the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit an additional class of 32 students on April 1, 2008; **and**, approved the program's request to admit an additional class of 32 students on June 23, 2008; **and**, approved ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, **only**, for the Western Career College, Antioch, Vocational Nursing Program with the following stipulations:
 - a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes three class admissions per year with the start date of replacement classes occurring 24 calendar days after the end date of the previous class.
 - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On May 27, 2010 the Board was notified of a name change from Western Career College to Carrington College California.
- On April 18, 2012, the following recommendations were approved:
 1. Approve Carrington Career College, Antioch, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from April 11, 2011 to April 10, 2015, and issue a certificate accordingly.
 2. Approve the program's major curriculum revision from a four (4) term to a three (3) term program to include 1530 total hours, Theory - 576 hours, Clinical - 954.

3. Continue approval of the program's ongoing pattern of admissions to **replace** graduating classes only, 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 three (3) classes of thirty – six (36) students 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 no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.
- **On June 25, 2012, the Board approved B. Beale as program director.**
 - **On March 5, 2013, the Board approved P. Frazier as program director.**
 - **On July 22, 2013, the Board approved G. Walker as program director.**
 - On November 6, 2013, the Board noted the program's change in location, and subsequent name change, from Antioch to Pleasant Hill.
 - On July 21, 2014, the Board was notified of the name change from Carrington College of California to Carrington College.
 - On September 5, 2014, the Board was notified of the resignation of the program director
 - **On December 10, 2014, the Board approved P. Morgan as program director.** On this date the new director was requested to submit materials related to the Program Record Survey.
 - **On March 9, 2015, the Board approved A. Riner as program director.**
 - On July 7, 2015, the Board received the program's final documentation for the Program Record Survey.
 - On July 8, 2015, the Board received the program's improvement plan for pass rates on the licensure examination.
 - On July 30, 2015, the Acting Executive Officer approved the following:
Continued approval of the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from April 11, 2015 to April 10, 2019, and issue a certificate accordingly, **and**, effective immediately, rescind approval for ongoing admissions and require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of any students. The program must document adequacy of faculty and facilities to support the objectives of the program prior to the admission of students.

- On February 17, 2016, the Acting Executive Officer approved the following:
 Approve the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit one (1) class of **20** students, beginning March 21, 2016, graduating March 10, 2017, **only, and** continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class, **and**, continue to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students, **and** place the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program on the Board's May 2016 agenda for consideration of provisional approval.
- On April 8, 2016, the Board received written notification by the program that no students were admitted to the class scheduled to begin March 28, 2016. Further, the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program has suspended all admissions and will close the program upon the July 8, 2016 graduation of the remaining students.
- On May 13, 2016, the Board approved the following:
 Place the Carrington College, Pleasant Hill, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the one (1) year period from May 13, 2016 through May 31, 2017, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations, **and** place the program on the Board's **May 2017** agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval, **and** require the program to provide no less than one (1) instructor for every ten (10) students in clinical experiences, **and** require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board, **and** require the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **June 1, 2016, and**, require the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than (10) ten percentage points below the State average annual pass rate, **and** require the program to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress the full Board may revoke the program's approval, **and** require the program to comply with all approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526, **and** failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
- On August 15, 2016, the Board received correspondence from Dr. Danika Bowen, Provost, confirming graduation of the last class on July 8, 2016 and the program's closure.



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August 15, 2016

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Re: Closure of Pleasant Hill Vocational Nursing program

Dear Ms. Johnson

Please accept this letter as formal notification that the Vocational Nursing program at the Carrington College Pleasant Hill, CA campus will close effective immediately. No teach out is required since all students have completed the program.

Carrington College Students who completed the Vocational Nursing program on July 8, 2016 are invited to attend NCLEX-PN preparation sessions held weekly and enrolled in the ATI virtual review to support an individualized NCLEX-PN study plan. Carrington will continue to offer the preparation sessions for 4 months. Should a student require additional preparation support they will be able to continue the sessions at the San Jose campus.

Additionally, graduates will continue to have access to the resources of the Carrington College Career Services and Registrar Services departments.

Thank you for your continued support of these programs and our graduates. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]@carrington.edu

Sincerely,

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