

# Agenda Item #19.C.



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TO: Board Members

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**SUBJECT: Education Division Report**

## Program Distribution

	VN	PT	Totals
# Approved Programs	126	12	138
# Pre-Approved Programs	6	0	6
# Provisionally Approved Programs	11	1	12
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>156</b>
# Proposed Programs			
23 assigned to NEC	49	1	50
27 pending assignment			
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>206</b>

## Programmatic Issues.

### A. Pass Rate Statistics.

The performance of program graduates on VN and PT licensure examinations is a critical variable used to evaluate programs' effectiveness in achieving consumer protection. **California Code of Regulations [VN - §2530 (I); PT - §2585 (I)]** specifies that all VN and PT programs shall maintain an average annual pass rate that does not fall **below** ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for first time program candidates of approved VN and PT programs for the same period.

Current regulations regarding pass rates, in some cases, cause test data to skew a program's overall achievement pattern when viewed over time. For this reason, amendments to current regulations are being considered by the Board's Education Committee and Education Division staff. Amended regulations are intended to establish a more well-defined pass rate standard and prompt programs to develop means for improved student outcomes.

- **Vocational Nurse**

Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 3 - 2017, the **quarterly** pass rate for first- time candidates from California VN programs is **74%**; the **average annual** pass rate is **71%**.

In comparing California and National data, the NATL quarterly pass rate for first-time VN program candidates who completed the NCLEX/PN® during Quarter 3 -2017 is 86%. The NATL average annual pass rate for first -time VN program graduates during Quarter 3-2017 is 84%.

- **Psychiatric Technician**

Third quarter data for the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination indicates a state quarterly average of 72%.

## **B. Program Inspections**

From November 2, 2017, through February 9, 2018, the Education Division completed an inspection of eight programs (Onsite Inspections - 4; Program Record Surveys - 4).

## **C. Communications**

- Phone calls            783
- Emails                    4,514
- Other written          3,060

## **D. Education Division Staff Vacancy**

- Supervising Nursing Education Consultant
- Nursing Education Consultant
- Management is considering temporary staff to assist with support services.