



March 17, 2022

Re: Implementation of AB 1536 (Assembly Committee on Business and Professions)
Procedure for Accepting and Processing Applications for Schools or Programs

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in applying for the approval of a new Vocational Nursing or Psychiatric Technician precicensure school program.

In response to our Sunset Review legislation, AB 1536, the Board is revising the procedure for accepting and processing applications for the approval of a Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician precicensure school programs and will be putting the revised procedure into an emergency regulation.

During the 2022 calendar year, the Board is processing applications for new school or programs that were on the Board's waiting list on or before December 31, 2019, and submitted a Letter of Intent by February 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

AB 1536 also directed the Board to create an approval process for schools or programs affiliated with currently approved schools or programs in good standing. This process will save time and resources, and we plan to recommend to the Board that the affiliated campus approval process run concurrent to the regular program approval process.


The Governor's 2022-23 Budget would authorize the Board to hire two additional Nursing Education Consultants (NECs) and one new analyst for its Education Division. We are encouraged by this proposed authorization and, if and when the proposed budget is approved with this authorization, we plan to promptly take action to fill these new positions. As needed, the Board will continue to post informational bulletins to its web site with any further updates or changes to the procedure for accepting and processing applications for new school or programs.

Over the past six months, we hosted training sessions and NEC open office hours for those applying to open new schools or programs. The feedback we received from the conversations and information sharing at these sessions was positive and constructive. In the Fall 2022, we plan to begin hosting similar workshops for anyone interested in starting new schools or programs.

Again, we believe that this new approval process will improve efficiency while maintaining the highest level of attention to educational excellence and consumer protection.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,


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Executive Officer