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SUBJECT	Request to Admit Students
PROGRAM	North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program (Program) (Program Director: Alicia Marquess, West Covina, Los Angeles County, Private)
BOARD MEETING	November 19-20, 2026

Please note: Board Nursing Education Consultants make recommendations. The recommendations are forwarded to the Education and Practice Committee for review and recommendation or to the Executive Officer or full Board for action.

PROGRAM REQUEST:

Admit a full-time day class of 30 students to commence on December 2, 2026, that will graduate on March 17, 2028, to replace the class that graduates on October 22, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

On November 18, 2025, the Program was placed on provisional approval by the Board and had a class approved to start in December, 2025.

On July 28, 2026, the Program submitted the required comprehensive analysis of the Program.

On August 4, 2026, the Program submitted a request for a class with supporting documentation.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Program's average annual NCLEX-PN® pass rates for first time candidates have been compliant for three of the previous eight quarters (October 2024 through

September 2026). The average annual pass rate for the last quarter has improved to 84%.

On May 16, 2025, the Board removed the program's pattern of admission due to low pass rates.

The Program Director has instituted a plan to improve pass rates. This includes:

1. A dedicated tutor (separate from the theory instructor) who sees the students who are at risk on the night of the theory class, so they are more likely to attend and get support.
2. After Program support to the graduates and alumni with the use of Hurst Review.
3. A two-week NCLEX remediation for those who are not successful with the HESI exit exam.
4. Maintaining the ratio of the fundamentals clinical instructor to students at 1:10 to provide better support and deliver closer supervision to entry level students.

The NEC reviewed and analyzed the documents provided by the Program Director to verify adequate resources including clinical facilities and classrooms to accommodate the students' learning needs and ability to meet the Program's approved objectives.

Submitted documentation by the Program Director substantiates adequate resources including faculty and facilities for students to achieve programmatic learning objectives.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Program's request to admit a full-time day class of 30 students to commence on December 2, 2026, that will graduate on March 17, 2028, to replace the class that graduates on October 22, 2026.
2. Place the Program on the December 2027 Board agenda for reconsideration for provisional approval.
3. Require the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Require the Program to submit a comprehensive analysis report with a submission in three months from this report, but no later than February 1, 2027 and in eleven months, but no later than October 1, 2027. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the Program, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
   a. Terminal Objectives
   b. Evaluation of Current Curriculum including:
      1) Instructional Plan
      2) Daily Lesson Plans for each Term

c. Student Policies including:
    1) Admission Criteria
    2) Screening and Selection Criteria
    3) Attendance Policy
    4) Remediation Policy
    5) Evaluation Methodology for Student Progress including evaluation of clinical practice
    6) Credit Granting Policy
d. Evaluations of approved clinical facilities which determine adequacy in number and variety of patients to accommodate current and projected student enrollment.
e. Faculty Meeting Methodology
f. Documentation of resources, including faculty and facilities, for all terms for all current cohorts.

2. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
3. Require the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:
    a. Submit all documentation in final form, free of errors and including all required information, using the forms provided by the BVNPT, no later than by the fifteenth day of the second month preceding the month of the Board meeting.
    b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
    c. Ensure that the Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
4. Require the Program to provide a maximum of ten students for each instructor in clinical experiences. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(d) states: “for supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor.” Recommendation of one instructor for a maximum of ten students in clinical experiences will enable more focused instruction and enhanced learning to closely monitor and evaluate the clinical performance of students.
5. Continue to require the Program to comply with all of the approval standards set forth in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and in Article 5 of Chapter 2, Division 25, Title 16 of California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 2525.
6. Any material changes in circumstances affecting any information contained in the documents submitted by the Program to the Board require the Program to notify the NEC immediately, in writing, according to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(g).

RELEVANT PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Enrollment

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(k) states:

> The program shall have prior Board approval to increase the number of students per class and/or increase the frequency of admission of classes. Criteria to evaluate a school's request to increase the number of students per class and/or increase the frequency of class admissions include but are not limited to: (1) Sufficient program resources as specified in Section 2530(a). (2) Adequacy of clinical experience as specified in Section 2534. (3) Licensure examination pass rates as specified in Section 2530(l).

The Program has a 60-week full-time program. BVNPT approval is required prior to the admission of each class.

The following table represents current and projected student enrollment based on current and proposed class starts and completion dates. The table indicates a maximum enrollment of 130 students for the period May 2025 through December 2026.

ENROLLMENT DATA TABLE

Class Start Dates	Class Completion Dates	Number of Students Admitted	Number of Students Current	Number of Graduated	Total Enrolled
5/25 Day *(8/26)		45	41		41
08/25 Eve *(10/26)		45	39		41 + 39 = 80
12/25 Day *(3/27)		25	25		80 + 25 = 105
4/26 *(7/27)		25	25		105 + 25= 130
	8/26 (5/25)		Left Blank	-41	130 - 41= 89
8/26 *(11/27)		25	25		89 + 25= 114
	10/26 (8/25)			-39	114 - 39 = 75
12/26 *(3/28) Proposed	Left Blank	30			75 + 30=105

*Indicates projected graduation date

Licensing Examination Statistics

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, 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.

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 October 2024 through September 2026, specify the pass percentage rate for graduates of the Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN®) and the variance from the state average annual pass rates.

NCLEX-PN® LICENSURE EXAMINATION DATA

Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics		
Quarter	# Candidates in Quarter	# Passed in Quarter	% Passed in Quarter	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate CCR §2530(l)	Variance from State Average Annual Pass Rate
Oct – Dec 2024	24	14	58%	81%	63%	84%	- 21
Jan – Mar 2025	22	13	59%	82%	57%	83%	- 26
Apr – Jun 2025	17	13	76%	81%	59%	82%	- 23
Jul – Sep 2025	18	8	44%	81%	59%	81%	- 22
Oct – Dec 2025	35	29	83%	80%	68%	81%	- 13
Jan – Mar 2026	9	6	67%	80%	71%	80%	- 9
Apr – Jun 2026	16	14	88%	83%	73%	81%	- 8
Jul – Sep 2026	17	16	94%	80%	84%	81%	+ 3

*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.

Based on the most current data available (July– September 2026), the Program's average annual pass rate is 84 percent. 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 81 percent. The average annual pass rate for the Program is three percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(d) states:

> For supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor.

The current number of approved faculty totals 45 including the Program Director. The Program Director has 100 percent administrative duties. Of the total faculty, 41 are designated to teach clinical. Based upon a maximum proposed enrollment of 130 students, 13 instructors are required for clinical supervision. The utilization of faculty at clinical facilities is such that clinical instruction is covered adequately.

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(b) states, in part:

> Schools shall have clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of patients treated, to provide clinical experience for all students in the areas specified by Section 2533. There must be available for student assignment, an adequate daily census of patients to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught.

Submitted documentation indicates the Program has sufficient clinical facilities to afford the number, type and variety of patients that will provide clinical experience consistent with approved competency-based objectives and theory being taught for the current and proposed student enrollment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Program History

NORTH-WEST COLLEGE, WEST COVINA
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Program History

- On September 16, 2005, the Executive Officer approved North-West College, West Covina's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 45 students on September 26, 2005, only and approved the Program curriculum for 1,624 hours, including 664 theory and 960 clinical hours.
- On October 1, 2005, the Program Director notified the Board that commencement had been delayed from September 26, 2005, to October 3, 2005, with a completion date of November 27, 2006.
- On August 9, 2006, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program for the period September 8, 2006, through September 7, 2010, and issued a certificate accordingly.

  The Executive Officer also approved the Program's request to admit 45 students starting on October 2, 2006, with a projected graduation date of December 18, 2007, and approved the Program's request to admit 45 students into a second full-time class starting on February 12, 2007, with a projected graduation date of May 10, 2008.
- On July 16, 2007, a new Program Director was approved.
- On January 28, 2008, the assigned Nursing Education Consultant notified North - West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program that the Program's pass rates had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rates for the past four quarters.
- On February 21, 2008, the Program Director submitted a plan to improve pass rates.
- On April 22, 2008, the assigned Nursing Education Consultant notified North - West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program that the Program's pass rates had fallen below ten percentage points of the state average pass rates for the past five quarters.
- On May 14, 2008, the Executive Officer approved:
  1. Approved North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's request was approved to admit 45 students to a class commencing May 26, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of July 26, 2009.
  2. Approved a pattern of admission of two classes every 10 months, to replace graduating classes, only, for North - West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program with the following stipulations:
     a. No additional classes are added to the Program's current pattern of admission without prior Board approval. The Program's current pattern of

admission includes two full-time classes with admission of 45 students every 10 months.

b. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

- On August 28, 2008, the assigned Nursing Education Consultant notified the Program Director that the Program's pass rates had fallen below ten percentage points of the state average pass rates for the past six quarters. The Program was requested to submit documentation verifying implementation of elements of the Program's plan of correction.
- On November 13, 2008, the Nursing Education Consultant notified the Program that its pass rates had fallen below ten percentage points of the state average pass rates for the past seven quarters. The Program Director was requested to submit current enrollment information; current faculty and facility information; documentation of clinical rotation schedules; and an analysis of the Program's correctional plan indicating those elements that had been effective, those ineffective, and alterations made in the correctional plan based upon the analysis.
- On December 8, 2008, North - West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students to a class commencing January 19, 2009, with an anticipated graduation date of March 23, 2010, was denied. The Program's request for a change in its pattern of admission pattern was denied. The pattern of admission of two classes every 10 months, to replace graduating classes, only, remains in effect for North - West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program with the following stipulations: No additional classes are added to the Program's current pattern of admission without prior Board approval. The Program's current pattern of admission includes two full-time classes with admission of 45 students every 10 months. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On December 10, 2008, the Program Director submitted a response to the Board's notification that the Program's pass rates had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rates for the past seven quarters.
- On January 6, 2009, the Program Director met with the Executive Officer, the supervising Nursing Education Consultant, and the Program's Nursing Education Consultant relative to changes in Program administration. The Program Director requested re-consideration of the Executive Officer's decision on December 8, 2008, to deny an increase in frequency of admissions and an increase in the pattern of admission. After a review of all the circumstances, the Executive Officer approved the Program's request to admit 30 students to a class commencing January 19, 2009, only, with an anticipated graduation date of March 23, 2010, but upheld the December 8, 2008, denial of an increase in the pattern of admission.
- On May 22, 2009, the Board placed the Program on provisional accreditation for the two – year period from May 22, 2009, through May 21, 2011, and issued a notice to the Program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for

correction as referenced in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(e) and required the Program to show documented progress by submitting a follow-up report in ten months**.** The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the Program, specific actions taken to improve Program pass rates, timelines for expected results, and the effectiveness of corrective actions taken to address the following elements:

1) Current Student Enrollment.
2) Admission Criteria.
3) Screening and Selection Criteria.
4) Terminal Objectives.
5) Curriculum Objectives.
6) Instructional Plan.
7) Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
8) Lesson Plans for Each Course.
9) Textbooks.
10) Attendance Policy.
11) Remediation Policy.
12) Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
13) Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
14) Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
15) Evaluation of Student Achievement.

- On June 18, 2009, the Board forwarded correspondence notifying the Program of specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in) California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526.1(e).
- On March 29, 2010, the Program submitted correspondence and documentation requesting reconsideration for early termination of its provisional accreditation.
- On July 20, 2010, the Executive Officer approved:

  1. Approved the Program's request to admit 45 students commencing July 6, 2010, graduating September 25, 2011, to replace students who graduated April 23, 2010.
  2. Continued the Program's approved pattern of admission to include the admission of two classes every ten months, to replace graduating classes only, with the following stipulations:
     a. No additional classes are added to the Program's current pattern of admission without prior Board approval. The Program's current pattern of admission includes two full – time classes with admission of 45 students every ten months.

b. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

- In September 2010, The Board approved:
  1. Approved full accreditation of the North – West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 15, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly.
  2. Continued the Program's approved pattern of admission with the following stipulations:
     a. No additional classes are added to the Program's current pattern of admission without prior Board approval. The Program's current pattern of admission includes two full – time classes of 45 students every ten months to replace graduating classes only; and
     b. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On February 20, 2014, the Program Director reported an increased number of applicants due to an augmented demand within the West Covina city and surrounding communities of approximately 50%. According to the Program Director changing the pattern of admission to three classes each year would "remove the long gap between clinical rotations which are available throughout the year and increase efficiency."
- On May 22, 2014, the Board approved:
  1. North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's requests to admit 45 students on July 7, 2014, and graduating on November 29, 2015. This is not a replacement class.
  2. Approved the Program's request to change the current pattern of admission with the following stipulations:
     a. No additional classes are added to the Program's current pattern of admission without prior Board approval. The Program's current pattern of admission includes three full – time classes of 45 students every year to replace graduating classes only.
     b. The Program 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530 (l).
- On August 25, 2017, the Board placed North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for a two-year period from August 25, 2017, through August 31, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly.
  1. Placed the Program on the August 2019 Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.

2. Rescinded the Program's pattern of admission of three full-time classes of 45 students per year immediately.
3. Required the Program to obtain full Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
4. Required the Program to provide a maximum of ten students for each instructor in clinical experiences.
5. Required the Program to submit documentation to correct all violations no later than September 15, 2017.
6. Required the Program Director to submit follow-up reports in 10 months, but no later than June 1, 2018, and in 22 months but no later than June 1, 2019. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the Program, specific actions taken with revisions to improve pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis:
    a. Admission Criteria
    b. Screening and Selection Criteria
    c. Terminal Objectives
    d. Curriculum Objectives
    e. Instructional Plan approved by the Board (Final Version)
    f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course
    g. Lesson Plans for Each Course
    h. Textbooks as noted in course outlines and as library resources
    i. Attendance Policy
    j. Remediation Policy
    k. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty
    l. Evaluations of Theory Presentations
    m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations
    n. Documentation of adequate faculty
    o. Documentation of adequate clinical facilities
7. Continued the Program's requirement 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.
8. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the Program's approval.

9. Continued the Program's requirement 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.
10. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the Program's approval.

- On February 23, 2018, the Board approved:
  1. Approved the request to admit one full-time class of 35 students on March 26, 2018, with a projected graduation date of May 31, 2019, to replace the full-time class which is scheduled to graduate on March 30, 2018.
  2. Continued to require the Program to obtain full Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
  3. Continued to require the Program to provide a maximum of ten students to each instructor in clinical experiences.
  4. Continued to require the Program Director to submit follow-up reports in 10 months, but no later than June 1, 2018, and in 22 months but no later than June 1, 2019. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the Program, specific actions taken with revisions to improve pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis:
     a. Admission Criteria
     b. Screening and Selection Criteria
     c. Terminal Objectives
     d. Curriculum Objectives
     e. Instructional Plan approved by the Board (Final Version)
     f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course
     g. Lesson Plans for Each Course
     h. Textbooks as noted in course outlines and as library resources
     i. Attendance Policy
     j. Remediation Policy
     k. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty
     l. Evaluations of Theory Presentations
     m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations
     n. Documentation of adequate faculty
     o. Documentation of adequate clinical facilities

5. Continued the Program's requirement 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.
6. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the Program's approval.

- On May 18, 2018, the Board approved North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's curriculum revisions to include 1531 total Program hours, including 577 theory hours and 954 clinical hours.
  1. Approved the request for the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program to admit one full-time class of 35 students on June 25, 2018, with a projected graduation date of July 18, 2019, to replace the full-time class which is scheduled to graduate on June 6, 2018.
  2. Continued to require the Program to obtain full Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
  3. Continued to require the Program to provide a maximum of ten students for each instructor in clinical experiences.
  4. Continued to require the Program Director to submit follow-up reports in 10 months, but no later than June 1, 2018, and in 22 months but no later than June 1, 2019. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the Program, specific actions taken with revisions to improve pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis:
     a. Admission Criteria
     b. Screening and Selection Criteria
     c. Terminal Objectives
     d. Curriculum Objectives
     e. Instructional Plan approved by the Board (Final Version)
     f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course
     g. Lesson Plans for Each Course
     h. Textbooks as noted in course outlines and as library resources
     i. Attendance Policy
     j. Remediation Policy
     k. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty
     l. Evaluations of Theory Presentations
     m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations
     n. Documentation of adequate faculty

o. Documentation of adequate clinical facilities

5. Continued the Program's requirement 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.
6. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the Program's approval.

- On February 8, 2019, the Board approved the request to:
  1. Granted full approval for North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program for the four - year period beginning on February 22, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly.
  2. Approved the request for the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing to admit one full-time class of 45 students on June 3, 2019, with a projected graduation date of September 12, 2020, to replace the full-time class which is scheduled to graduate on May 31, 2019.
  3. Continued to require the Program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the Board.
  4. Required the Program's requirement 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.
  5. Continued to require the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:
     a. Submit all documentation in final form, using the forms provided by the Board, no later than two months prior to the requested start date for the class.
     b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On September 3, 2019, the Board approved the request to:
  1. Approved North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit one full-time class of 45 students on September 9, 2019, with a projected graduation date of December 14, 2020, to replace the full-time class which is scheduled to graduate on August 9, 2019.
  2. Continued to require the Program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the Board.
  3. Required the Program's requirement 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16 commencing at Section 2525.
  4. Continued to require the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:

a. Submit all documentation in final form, using the forms provided by the Board, no later than two months prior to the requested start date for the class.

b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

- On March 6, 2020, the following decision by the Executive Officer was rendered:

1. Approved North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit one full-time class of 35 students on April 27, 2020, with a projected graduation date of February 26, 2020. This class will replace the class which graduated on February 26, 2020.
2. Approved a pattern of admission of four full-time classes of 35 students each per year, to replace graduating classes (two-day classes, and two evening classes).
3. Approved the Program's pattern of admission with the following stipulations:
4. No additional classes are added to the Program's pattern of admission without prior Board approval. The Program's pattern of admission includes the admission of four cohorts per year of 35 students, (two-day classes, and two evening classes), to replace graduating students only.

a. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

b. The Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).

c. Continue to 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.

- On May 4, 2021, the Executive Officer rendered the following decision:

1. Approved North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's request for a curriculum change from a full-time curriculum of 60 weeks to a revised full-time curriculum of 60 weeks, effective May 4, 2021. The proposed curriculum consists of 698 theory hours and 954 clinical hours totaling 1652 hours.
2. Required the Program to comply with all the requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Admit no additional classes without prior approval by the BVNPT.
2. Continued to provide a maximum of 15 students for each instructor in clinical experiences. Regulation 2534(d) states, "For supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor."
3. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
4. Continued the Program's requirement to comply with all approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and

Professionals Code, section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.

- On March 22, 2022, the Executive Officer rendered the following decision:
  1. Approved the Program's request to increase the class size from 35 to 45 students starting with the cohort commencing on May 11, 2022.
  2. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
2. No additional classes are added to the Program's pattern of admissions without prior BVNPT approval. The Program's pattern of admissions will include admission of four full-time classes of 45 students per calendar year, replacing graduating classes only.
3. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
4. The Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
5. Comply with all approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing with Section 2525.
6. 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.

- On January 31, 2023, the Executive Officer rendered the following decisions:
  1. Granted continued full approval for the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period beginning February 22, 2023, and issued a certificate accordingly.
  2. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Required the Program to submit the schedule for faculty meetings and faculty meeting minutes with discussion of curriculum as well as examples make-up assignments with objectives listed by March 10, 2023, to correct the outstanding violations.
2. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
3. No additional classes are added to the Program's pattern of admission without prior BVNPT approval. The Program's pattern of admission will include admission of four full-time classes of 45 students per calendar year, replacing graduating classes only.

4. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
5. The Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
6. Comply with all approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.
7. 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.

- On June 4, 2024, the Executive Officer rendered the following decision:
  1. Approved the Program's change from a full-time curriculum of 60 weeks to a revised full-time curriculum of 60 weeks, effective May 28, 2024. The proposed curriculum consists of 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours totaling 1530 hours.
  2. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. No additional classes are added to the Program's pattern of admission without prior BVNPT approval. The Program's pattern of admissions will include admission of four full-time classes of 45 students per calendar year, replacing graduating classes only.
2. Documents adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, available to support each admitted class of students.
3. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
4. Maintain an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
5. Comply with all of the approval standards set forth in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and in Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing with Section 2525.

- On July 9, 2024, the Executive Officer rendered the following decision:
  1. Approved the Program's change from a full-time curriculum of 60 weeks to a revised full-time curriculum of 60 weeks, effective July 9, 2024. The proposed curriculum consists of 698 theory hours and 954 clinical hours totaling 1652 hours.
  2. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. No additional classes are added to the Program's pattern of admission without prior BVNPT approval. The Program's approved pattern of admission is four full-time classes of 45 students every year, replacing graduating classes only.
2. Documents adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, available to support each admitted class of students.
3. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
4. Maintain an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
5. Comply with all the approval standards set forth in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and in Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing with Section 2525.

- On May 16, 2025, the Board rendered the following decision:

1. Approved the Program's request to admit a class of 45 full-time day students to commence on August 16, 2025, with an expected graduation date of December 18, 2026, to replace the class that will graduate on August 15, 2025.
2. Rescinded the Program's pattern of admission of four full-time classes of 45 students per calendar year, replacing graduating classes only.
3. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Provide an NCLEX-PN action plan by June 13, 2025.
2. Obtain BVNPT approval prior to admission of each class.
3. Required the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:
    a. Submit all documentation in final form, using the forms provided by the BVNPT, no later than by the two months prior to the requested start date.
    b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
    c. Ensure that the Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
4. Notify the NEC in writing, within 5 calendar days in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
5. Required the Program to comply with all the approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with California Business and Professions Code, Section 2880, and in Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing with Section 2525.
6. Any material changes in circumstances affecting any information contained in the documents submitted by the Program to the Board, require the Program to notify the NEC immediately, in writing, per Section 2526(g) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

- On November 18, 2025, the Board rendered the following decisions:
    1. Placed the Program on Provisional Approval for a period of two years commencing on November 18, 2025.
    2. Denied the Program's request to admit a full-time day class of 45 students to commence on December 1, 2025, that will graduate on March 19, 2027, to replace the class that graduates on October 7, 2025.
    3. Approved the Program's request to admit a full-time day class of 25 students to commence on December 1, 2025, that will graduate on March 19, 2027, to replace the class that graduates on October 7, 2025.
    4. Placed the Program on the November 2027 Board agenda for reconsideration for provisional approval.
    5. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Required the Program to submit a comprehensive analysis report in 4 months from this report, with a submission date no later than March 1, 2026, in nine months from this report, but no later than August 1, 2026, and in 18 months from this report, but no later than May 1, 2027. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the Program, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
    a. Terminal Objectives
    b. Evaluation of Current Curriculum including:
        1) Instructional Plan
        2) Daily Lesson Plans for each Term
    c. Student Policies including:
        1) Admission Criteria
        2) Screening and Selection Criteria
        3) Attendance Policy
        4) Remediation Policy
        5) Evaluation Methodology for Student Progress including evaluation of clinical practice
        6) Credit Granting Policy
    d. Evaluations of approved clinical facilities which determine adequacy in number and variety of patients to accommodate current and projected student enrollment.
    e. Faculty Meeting Methodology

f. Documentation of resources, including faculty and facilities, for all terms for all current cohorts.

2. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
3. Required the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:
   a. Submit all documentation in final form, using the forms provided by the BVNPT, no later than by the fifteenth day of the second month preceding the month of the Board meeting.
   b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
   c. Ensure that the Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
4. Required the Program to provide a maximum of ten students for each instructor in clinical experiences. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(d) states: "for supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor." Recommendation of one instructor for a maximum of ten students in clinical experiences will enable more focused instruction and enhanced learning to closely monitor and evaluate the clinical performance of students.
5. Continued to require the Program to comply with all of the approval standards set forth in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and in Article 5 of Chapter 2, Division 25, Title 16 of California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 2525.
6. Any material changes in circumstances affecting any information contained in the documents submitted by the Program to the Board require the Program to notify the NEC immediately, in writing, per California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(g).

- On February 6, 2026, the Board rendered the following decision:
  1. Approved the Program's request to admit a full-time day class of 25 students to commence on April 29, 2026, that will graduate on July 30, 2027, to replace the class that graduates on April 10, 2026.
  2. Placed the Program on the November 2027 Board agenda for reconsideration for provisional approval.
  3. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Require the Program to submit a comprehensive analysis report in 1 month from this report, with a submission date no later than March 1, 2026, in five months from this report, but no later than August 1, 2026, and in 15 months from this report, but no later than May 1, 2027. The report must include a comprehensive

analysis of the Program, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.

a. Terminal Objectives

b. Evaluation of Current Curriculum including:

1. Instructional Plan

2. Daily Lesson Plans for each Term

c. Student Policies including:

    1. Admission Criteria

    2. Screening and Selection Criteria

    3. Attendance Policy

    4. Remediation Policy

    5. Evaluation Methodology for Student Progress including evaluation of clinical practice

    6. Credit Granting Policy

d. Evaluations of approved clinical facilities which determine adequacy in number and variety of patients to accommodate current and projected student enrollment.

e. Faculty Meeting Methodology

f. Documentation of resources, including faculty and facilities, for all terms for all current cohorts.

3. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.

4. Require the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:

    a. Submit all documentation in final form, using the forms provided by the BVNPT, no later than by the fifteenth day of the second month preceding the month of the Board meeting.

    b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

    c. Ensure that the Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).

5. Required the Program to provide a maximum of ten students for each instructor in clinical experiences. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(d) states: “for supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor.” Recommendation of one instructor for a maximum of ten students in clinical experiences will enable more focused instruction and enhanced learning to closely monitor and evaluate the clinical performance of students.

6. Continued to require the Program to comply with all of the approval standards set forth in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with

California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and in Article 5 of Chapter 2, Division 25, Title 16 of California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 2525.

7. Any material changes in circumstances affecting any information contained in the documents submitted by the Program to the Board require the Program to notify the NEC immediately, in writing, per California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(g).

- On April 28, 2026, the Executive Officer rendered the following decision:

1. Approve the Program's request to admit a full-time day class of 25 students to commence on August 17, 2026, that will graduate on November 19, 2027, to replace the class that graduates on August 14, 2026.
2. Place the Program on the November 2027 Board agenda for reconsideration for provisional approval.
3. Require the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Required the Program to submit a comprehensive analysis report in six months from this report, with a submission date no later than no later than August 1, 2026, and in 12 months from this report, but no later than May 1, 2027. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the Program, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
    a. Terminal Objectives
    b. Evaluation of Current Curriculum including:
        1) Instructional Plan
        2) Daily Lesson Plans for each Term
    c. Student Policies including:
        1) Admission Criteria
        2) Screening and Selection Criteria
        3) Attendance Policy
        4) Remediation Policy
        5) Evaluation Methodology for Student Progress including evaluation of clinical practice
        6) Credit Granting Policy
    d. Evaluations of approved clinical facilities which determine adequacy in number and variety of patients to accommodate current and projected student enrollment.
    e. Faculty Meeting Methodology

f. Documentation of resources, including faculty and facilities, for all terms for all current cohorts.

2. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
3. Required the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:
   a. Submit all documentation in final form, using the forms provided by the BVNPT, no later than by the fifteenth day of the second month preceding the month of the Board meeting.
   b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
   c. Ensure that the Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
4. Required the Program to provide a maximum of ten students for each instructor in clinical experiences. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(d) states: “for supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor.” Recommendation of one instructor for a maximum of ten students in clinical experiences will enable more focused instruction and enhanced learning to closely monitor and evaluate the clinical performance of students.
5. Continued to require the Program to comply with all of the approval standards set forth in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and in Article 5 of Chapter 2, Division 25, Title 16 of California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 2525.
6. Any material changes in circumstances affecting any information contained in the documents submitted by the Program to the Board require the Program to notify the NEC immediately, in writing, per California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(g).