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TO: Board Members

FROM: Teresa Bello-Jones  
Executive Officer

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 August 9, 2010:**

### **1. Preferred College of Nursing, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Kristina Ultra, Santa Maria, Van Nuys, Los Angeles County – Private)**

The Preferred College of Nursing VN Program completed a Program Records Survey July 22, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Two (2) violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Preferred College of Nursing VN Program for the period September 5, 2010, through September 4, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly. Additionally, the EO approved continuation of the program's ongoing admission pattern of one (1) full-time class of 40 students once each year and four (4) part-time classes of 40 students every 18 months to **replace** outgoing students, only, with the following stipulation: 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 (l) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The program was required to submit a report that includes 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 by **September 10, 2010**:

- a. Current Student Enrollment.
- b. Admission Criteria.
- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.
- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.

- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Remediation Policy.
- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

**Rationale:** Based on reported statistics, the program has had three (3) quarters in which its average annual pass rate has been more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. The identification of factors negatively impacting student achievement, timely development and immediate implementation of a plan to improve program pass rates is required to improve the performance of program graduates.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources necessary to support the current and proposed student enrollment. 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.

**2. Shepherd University, Los Angeles, VN Program – Request to Admit Students and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Hyunmie Kim, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Shepherd University VN Program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing August 9, 2010, and graduating October 22, 2011. The proposed class would **replace** students graduating June 20, 2010. The program also requests approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing November 15, 2010, only, with a projected graduation date of February 25, 2012, to **replace** students graduating November 6, 2010. Additionally, the program requests ongoing admissions for four (4) part-time, Board approved classes, of 30 students each admitted every 16 weeks.

The EO approved Shepherd University VN Program’s request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing August 9, 2010, only, with a projected graduation date of October 22, 2011, to **replace** students graduating July 17, 2010; **and** approved Shepherd University VN Program’s request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing November 15, 2010, only, with a projected graduation date of February 25, 2012, to **replace** students graduating November 6, 2010.

The EO denied the program’s request for ongoing admissions of four (4) part-time classes, of 30 students each, every 16 weeks, at this time. The program must obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each replacement classes.

**Rationale:** The program’s average annual pass rate has been marginal on five (5) of the last eight (8) quarters. The most recent two (2) quarter pass rates are 86% and 90%, while the average annual pass rate remains marginal. The program appears to be resolving their past poor quarter pass rates, however, it seems prudent to allow the current upward trend to continue for at least four

(4) quarters before considering the program's request for ongoing admissions.

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.

**3. Saint Francis Career College, Lynwood, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Alice Campbell, Lynwood, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Saint Francis Career College, Lynwood, VN Program requests approval to increase the admission of full-time day classes from two (2) to three (3) per year, effective August 23, 2010, admitting in February, August and October. Student enrollment, per class, would be 30 students and three (3) alternates. The program is also requesting approval to admit one (1) full-time evening class, with 30 students and three (3) alternates, commencing August 23, 2010, and graduating December 15, 2011. Based on the above proposed changes, the program would have four (4) full-time classes, three (3) day-time and one (1) evening with 30 students per class, for a total enrollment of 120 students. The program would like to discontinue the current part-time evening class after the current class graduates. Additionally, the program is requesting to delete the Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) program as prerequisite for admission.

The EO approved Saint Francis Career College, Lynwood, VN Program's request to increase full-time classes from two to three (3) day classes per year, effective August 23, 2010, admitting in February, August and October. Student enrollment, per class, would be 30 students and three (3) alternates; approved Saint Francis Career College, Lynwood, VN Program's request to admit one (1) full-time evening class, with 30 students and three (3) alternates, commencing August 23, 2010, and graduating December 15, 2011; and discontinued the current part-time evening class after the current class graduates; revised the program's admission criteria deleting the C.N.A. requirement for admission; **and** remove Saint Francis Career College's approval for ongoing admissions and have the program request approval for replacement classes, at this time, and reconsider the program for ongoing admissions when the program has four (4) quarters above the state average annual pass rate.

**Rationale:** 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.

**4. Stanbridge College VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Debbie Lieu, Irvine, Orange County – Private)**

The Stanbridge College VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 45 students commencing on August 26, 2010, and graduating on September 19, 2012.

The EO approved Stanbridge College VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 45 students on August 26, 2010, to **replace** graduating students only, with a projected

graduation date of September 19, 2011; **and** continued the programs ongoing admission pattern with the following stipulation: No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The pattern of admissions will include four (4) full-time day classes of 45 students each per year to replace graduating students, only and four (4) part-time evening classes of 45 students each per year to replace graduating students, only.

**Rationale:** The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Based on the **most recent data available** (January 2010 to June 2010), the program's average annual pass rate is 97%, 23 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

### **Effective September 1, 2010:**

#### **5. Medical Career College VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Marilyn Castillo, Fremont, Alameda County, Private)**

On February 18, 2010, Medical Career College VN Program was placed on provisional accreditation for the two-year period from February 18, 2010, through February 17, 2012. The Board took that action due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (l) of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program was required to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

On April 5, 2010, the program requested approval to admit new classes. The EO deferred action on the program's request for consideration by the Board at the September 16, 2010, Board meeting. That action was based on the program's pass rate statistics.

The program requests approval to admit a full-time day class of 15 students commencing September 27, 2010, and graduating on November 18, 2011, to **replace** the full-time day class of students who graduated February 11, 2010. Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a full-time evening class of 15 students on September 27, 2010, graduating on November 18, 2011, to **replace** the full-time evening class of students who graduated February 11, 2010.

The EO approved Medical Career College VN Program's request to admit a full-time day class of 15 students on September 27, 2010, only, with a projected graduation date of November 18, 2011, to **replace** full-time day students who graduated February 11, 2010; **and** approved the program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 15 students on September 27, 2010, only, with a projected graduation date of November 18, 2011, to **replace** full-time evening students who graduated February 11, 2010; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** As noted previously, the Board placed the program on provisional accreditation on February 18, 2010 for a two-year period. On March 30, 2010, a new program director was approved. The consultant recommended the director implement strategies to improve student achievement.

The program's pass rate statistics for the period April – June 2010 evidence improvement. However, additional time is required to ensure the improvement is sustained.

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.

**Effective September 22, 2010:**

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

California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing September 27, 2010, to **replace** students that graduated July 12, 2010. That proposed class is projected to graduate March 24, 2011.

The EO approved the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing September 27, 2010, and graduating March 24, 2011, to **replace** students that graduated July 12, 2010; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in its current and proposed classes. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**7. Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, VN Program – Request to Admit Students  
(Director: Laurie McDonald, Moreno Valley, Riverside County, Private)**

The Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, VN Program requests approval to admit 50 students commencing October 11, 2010. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for December 16, 2011.

The EO approved Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley, VN Program's request to admit a class of 50 students commencing October 11, 2010, and graduating December 16, 2011; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**8. 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 32 students into a part-time class commencing September 14, 2010, and graduating February 26, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students that graduated August 6, 2010.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit 32 students into a part-time class commencing November 16, 2010, and graduating April 30, 2012.

The EO approved College of Nursing and Technology VN Program's request to admit 32 students into a part-time class to commence September 14, 2010, only, graduating February 26, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students that graduated August 6, 2010; **and** approved the program's request to admit 32 students into a part-time class to commence November 16, 2010, only, graduating April 30, 2012. This is a one-time approval only. The EO continued the program's current requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The Board has serious concerns relative to the stability of the program's performance statistics on the NCLEX/PN<sup>®</sup>. From January 2008 – June 2008, the program's average annual pass rate was 12-15 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. Since that time, the pass rate has been from seven (7) to twenty (20) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. From July 2009 through June 2010, the program's average annual pass rate has been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate.

The Board is concerned that such improvement is sustained. As such, the Board wants the school to demonstrate two (2) more quarters within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources for the current and proposed enrollment. 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.

**9. Franklin Career College VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Delores Terriquez, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)**

Franklin Career College VN Program requests approval to admit a class of 25 students commencing September 27, 2010, and graduating October 21, 2011. Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 25 students commencing January 2, 2011, and graduating February 27, 2012.

The EO approved Franklin Career College VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 25 students commencing September 27, 2010, only, and graduating October 21, 2011; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 25 students commencing January 2, 2011, only, and graduating February 27, 2012.

**Rationale:** The director has implemented significant interventions to address the lack of student achievement. However, additional time is required to ensure that the improvement in the program's average annual pass rates is sustained.

**10. Kaplan College, Stockton, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Cheree Pettigrew, Stockton, San Joaquin County, Private)**

The Kaplan College, Stockton, VN Program, also known as Maric College, Stockton, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 students commencing October 4, 2010. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for October 11, 2011. Additionally, the program requests approval to admit 30 students on December 27, 2010, to **replace** students completing requirements December 21, 2010. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for December 21, 2011.

The EO approved Kaplan College, Stockton, VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing October 4, 2010, and graduating October 11, 2011; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing December 27, 2010, graduating December 21, 2011, to **replace** students graduating December 21, 2010; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**11. Premiere Career College VN Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions (Director: Jennifer Ty-De Guzman, Irwindale, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Premiere Career College VN Program requests Board approval to increase the frequency of admissions. Specifically, the program requests approval to admit 30 students four (4) times per year. Currently, the program is approved to admit three (3) full-time classes of 30 students per year to **replace** graduating students only.

The EO approved Premiere Career College VN Program's request to admit 30 students four (4) times per 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 current pattern of admissions includes admission of four (4) full-time classes of 30 students 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.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources for the current and proposed enrollment. 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.

**Effective October 14, 2010:**

**12. American Career College, Ontario, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Brigid Barrett, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)**

American Career College, Ontario, VN Program requests approval to admit 60 students on November 15, 2010. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for December 9, 2011.

The EO approved American Career College, Ontario, VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 60 students commencing November 15, 2010, only, with a projected graduation of December 9, 2011, only; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** As noted previously, the Board has approved a total of 215 program admissions through July 20, 2010. The program has graduated one (1) class of 37 students. Of the total program graduates, 73% have completed the licensure examination. Of the total tested, 96% have passed.

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

**13. American Career College, Los Angeles, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Anissa Perez, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County – Private)**

American Career College, Los Angeles, VN Program completed a Program Records Survey in October 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the American Career College, Los Angeles, VN Program for the period October 12, 2010, through October 11, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's current approval for ongoing admissions of 50 students into the full-time class, four (4) times per year **and** 45 students into the part-time class every twenty weeks, to **replace** graduating classes, only.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated compliance with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. An analysis of the program performance statistics substantiates that the program's annual pass rate is up three (3) percentage points since June 2009. During the April – June 2009 quarter, the program had a **57% quarterly** pass rate and **67% annual** pass rate. The consultant strongly recommended critical interventions to address the declining pass rates. The director accepted and implemented the recommendations. Currently the program has a **65% quarterly** pass rate and **70% annual** pass rate. In spite of the two (2) low quarterly pass rates, the program has remained within 10 percentage points of the states average annual pass rate for the last 10 quarters.

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. Angeles Institute VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Brandy Coward, Lakewood, Los Angeles County – Private)**

Angeles Institute VN Program completed a Program Records Survey in October 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Angeles Institute VN Program for the period November 2, 2010, through November 1, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's current approval for ongoing admissions of 45 students to replace graduating classes, only.

**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.

**15. El Monte-Rosemead Adult School VN Program – Request to Replace Class; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Angela Cheung, El Monte, Los Angeles County, Adult School)**

The director of the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School VN Program requests Board approval to admit a full-time class of 15 students plus one (1) alternate every 46 weeks, to **replace** graduating students. Additionally, the program requests approval for ongoing admissions.

The EO approved the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School VN Program's request, to admit a full-time class of 15 students and one (1) alternate on January 31, 2011, only, graduating January 20, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate January 20, 2011; **and** approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 15 students and one (1) alternate every 46 weeks, 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 includes one (1) full-time class of 15 students and one (1) alternate every 46 weeks; and
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated possession of sufficient resources to support the current, proposed, and projected student enrollment. Board staff will 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.

**16. Everest College, Anaheim, VN Program – Request to Start Part-time Program (Director: Marion Gamundoy, Anaheim, Orange County – Private)**

The Everest College VN Program requested approval to admit 25 students into a part-time, weekend class, on November 9, 2010, with an anticipated graduation date of September 11, 2012. The proposed class is 90 weeks in length.

The EO approved the Everest College VN Program's request to admit 25 students into a 90-week part-time class commencing November 9, 2010, with an anticipated graduation of September 11, 2012; required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students into the part-time class; **and** continued the program's approval for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students, only, into the 52 week, full-time class 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 approved pattern of admissions includes a class of 40 students to replace graduating students each March and September of each year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated possession of sufficient resources to support the current, proposed, and projected student enrollment. Board staff will 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.

**17. Kaplan College, North Hollywood, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Faye Silverman, North Hollywood, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Kaplan College, North Hollywood, VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 40 students commencing October 25, 2010, and graduating October 28, 2011. The proposed class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 17, 2010.

Additionally, the program requests approval for the ongoing admission of 40 students three (3) times each year. Specifically, the program proposes to admit a class in March, July, and October of each year.

The EO approved Kaplan College, North Hollywood, VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 40 students on October 25, 2010, with a projected graduation date of October 28, 2011, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 22, 2010; **and** approved the program's request for ongoing admissions 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 includes one (1) full-time class of 40 students three times each year in March, July, and October, to **replace** graduating students only; and

- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; and
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is within requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (l).

**Rationale:** Current licensure examination statistics evidence a marked improvement in the program's average annual pass rate. Since the program's inception, a total of 101 program graduates have completed the licensure examination. Of the total tested, 76% have passed. Currently, the program's average **quarterly** pass rate is **91%**; the average **annual** pass rate was **88%**. Such improvement supports the recommendation for approval of the program's request for ongoing admissions. However, continued monitoring and analysis is required to ensure sustained improvement.

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.

**18. Napa Valley College Fast-Track PT Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation; Request to Admit Students and Request Ongoing Admissions (Director: Cliff Zyskowski, Napa, Napa County, Community College)**

A Program Records Survey of the Napa Valley College Fast-Track PT Program was completed in September 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. No violations of the regulations were noted.

The program requests approval to admit 30 students to **replace** students who graduated September 3, 2010, to begin February 7, 2011, and graduate February 14, 2012. Additionally, the program requests approval for ongoing admissions.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for Napa Valley College Fast-Track PT Program for the four-year period from June 28, 2010, through June 27, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students on February 7, 2011, graduating February 14, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated September 3, 2010; **and** approved the program's request for 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 approved pattern of admissions includes one (1) full-time class of 30 students every 48 weeks to **replace** graduating students, only; and
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program is compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty,

facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and projected enrollment. 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.

**19. Napa Valley College Generic PT Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation; Request to Replace Graduating Students; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Cliff Zyskowski, Napa, Napa County, Community College)**

A Program Records Survey of the Napa Valley College Generic PT Program was completed in September 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. No violations of the regulations were noted.

The program requests approval to admit 45 students January 19, 2011, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate December 16, 2010. The proposed class would complete program requirements May 25, 2012. Additionally, the program is requesting approval for ongoing admissions.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for Napa Valley College Generic PT Program for the four-year period from June 28, 2010, through June 27, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit 45 students on January 19, 2011, graduating December 16, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated September 3, 2010; **and** approved the program's request for 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 approved pattern of admissions includes one (1) full - time class of 45 students each year to **replace** graduating students, only; and
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program is compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and projected enrollment. 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.

**20. Napa Valley College, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation; Request to Replace Graduating Students; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Janice Ankenmann, Napa, Napa County – Community College)**

Napa Valley College VN Program completed a Program Records Survey in September 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The program requests approval to admit 30 students to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate December 17, 2010. The replacement class would begin January 6, 2011, and

graduate December 14, 2012. Additionally, the program is requesting approval for ongoing admissions.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Napa Valley College VN Program for the period May 12, 2010, through May 11, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students on January 6, 2011, graduating December 14, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 17, 2010; **and** approved the program's request for 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 approved pattern of admissions includes one (1) part - time class of 30 students every 24 months, and;
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** As noted previously, the program's current average annual pass rate is 100%. However, an analysis of the program's average annual pass rates, substantiates that program graduates have tested in only three (3) of the past nine (9) quarters. During that time, a total of 26 program graduates have completed the licensure examination. Of the total tested, 69% have passed.

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.

**21. Nursing Care Providers College, Hayward, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Felicidad Silva, Alameda County – Private)**

Nursing Care Providers College, Hayward, VN Program completed a Program Records Survey October 5, 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Nursing Care Providers, Hayward, College VN Program for the period November 6, 2010, through November 5, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's current pattern of admissions which includes:

- a. Ongoing admission of 45 students to the two (2) full-time classes each year to **replace** graduating students, only.
- b. Ongoing admission of 45 students into the two (2) part-time classes each year to **replace** graduating students, only.

**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.

**22. Pacific College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Laurie Poppe, Costa Mesa, Orange County – Private)**

Pacific College VN Program completed a Program Records Survey in September 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Pacific College VN Program for the period May 12, 2010, through May 11, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's approval for ongoing admissions, to **replace** graduating students, 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 approved pattern of admissions includes four (4) full-time classes of 30 students and twelve (12) part-time classes of 30 students; and
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**Rationale:** The program is currently compliant 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.

**23. Tri-County ROP VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Pamela Mahmoudi, Marysville, Sutter County – Regional Occupation Program)**

Tri-County ROP VN Program completed a Program Records Survey in September 2010. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full accreditation for the Tri-County ROP VN Program for the period May 12, 2010, through May 11, 2014, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's current approval for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, in the part-time class, with 30 students, every 71 weeks; **and** continued the programs ongoing admissions to replace graduating students only.

**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.

**24. Valley School of Allied Health VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Jones, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)**

On September 16, 2010, the Board placed the Valley School of Allied Health VN Program on provisional accreditation for the two-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012. This action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (I) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 20 students commencing October 18, 2010, and graduating on November 24, 2011, to **replace** the full-time class of students scheduled to graduate October 15, 2010.

The EO approved Valley School of Allied Health's request to admit 20 students on October 18, 2010, and graduate November 24, 2011, only, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 15, 2010; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional classes.

**Rationale:** The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's noncompliance with regulations relative to pass rate on the NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> for the last eight (8) quarters. The program has developed strategies to improve student achievement and program pass rates. The previously reported statistics indicate improvement for three (3) months. Sustained improvement has not been demonstrated sufficient to correct the cited violation.

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.

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**25. Annenberg School of Nursing VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Marie Fagan, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Annenberg School of Nursing VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 24 students commencing March 28, 2011, with a projected date of graduation of April 26, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the class scheduled to graduate January 27, 2011. Additionally, the program requests approval for ongoing admissions of 24 students to **replace** graduating classes.

The EO approved Annenberg School of Nursing VN Program's request to admit a class of 24 students commencing March 28, 2011, only, with a projected date of graduation of April 26, 2012, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate January 27, 2011; **and** denied the program's request for the ongoing admission of 24 students to replace graduating students at this time; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Concern is identified with the performance of program graduates on the licensure examination. For three (3) of the most recent quarters, the

program's average annual pass rates on the licensure examination have been noncompliant with section 2530 (l) of the VN Rules and Regulations which 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 accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period. (1) Failure to maintain the required yearly average minimum pass rate for two years or eight consecutive quarters may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation."*

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. However, the Board is concerned about the program's difficulty in preparing safe and competent students who are able to pass the licensure examination. 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.

**26. Charter College, Canyon Country (formerly Clarita Career College), VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Anne Anderson, Canyon Country, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Charter College, Canyon Country (formerly Clarita Career College), VN Program requests approval to admit a class of thirty (30) students commencing December 6, 2010, with a projected graduation of February 11, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 4, 2010.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of thirty (30) students commencing March 28, 2011, with a projected graduation of May 26, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate March 26, 2011.

The EO approved Charter College, Canyon Country Campus (formerly Clarita Career College), VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students to commence December 6, 2010, only, with a projected graduation of February 11, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 4, 2010; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 students to commence March 28, 2011, only, with a projected graduation of May 26, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate March 26, 2011; **and** required the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate is 14 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment.

Additionally, the program is in full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**27. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Concord, PT Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Larisa Revzina, Contra Costa, Private)**

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Concord, PT Program, requests approval to admit a class of 15 students into its daytime class commencing November 15, 2010, and graduating November 30, 2011. The proposed day class would **replace** students who graduated June 12, 2009. The program also requests approval to admit a class of 15 students into an evening class commencing November 15, 2010, and graduating November 30, 2011. The proposed evening class would **replace** students who graduated June 26, 2010. Additionally, the program is requesting approval for ongoing admissions, to include the admission of 15 students into a daytime class and 15 students into an evening class each year on the last Monday of September.

The EO approved Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Concord, PT Program's request to admit a day-time class of 15 students commencing November 15, 2010, and graduating November 30, 2011, only; **and** approved the program's request to admit an evening class of 15 students commencing November 15, 2011 and graduating November 30, 2011, only; **and** denied the program's request for ongoing admissions at this time; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** As noted previously, the program has graduated 100% of its admitted students. One hundred (100) percent of the graduate population has tested. Of the total program candidates tested, 70% have passed.

The program's pass rate supports the recommendations to approve a day-time class of 15 students and an evening class of 15 students on November 15, 2010. However, such a small sample population does not support a recommendation for ongoing admissions at this time. The director was advised of the rationale and is in agreement.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the current and proposed classes. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**28. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Larisa Revzina, Modesto, San Joaquin County, Private)**

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program, requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into a day class commencing January 10, 2011, graduating February 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the day class who graduated in October 2010. Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into an evening class commencing January 10, 2011, and graduating February 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the evening class who graduated in October 2010.

The EO denied Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program's request to admit a day class of 30 students commencing January 10, 2011, only, and graduating February 24, 2012; **and** approved the program's admission of a day class of 20 students

commencing January 10, 2011, only, and graduating February 24, 2012, to **replace** students in the day class who graduated in October 2010; **and** denied the program's request to admit an evening class of 30 students commencing January 10, 2011, only, and graduating February 24, 2012, only; **and** approved the program's admission of an evening class of 20 students commencing January 10, 2011, only, and graduating February 24, 2012, to **replace** students in the evening class who graduated in October 2010; **and** required the program to correct identified deficiencies in the curriculum and submit to the Board by January 28, 2011; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** On October 7, 2009, the Board placed Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program on Provisional Accreditation through May 31, 2010. At that time, several violations were cited. The program corrected the violations and was issued **full accreditation on May 20, 2010**.

As stated previously, the program's pass rate statistics on the NCLEX/PN® have been substantially below the state average for three (3) of the four (4) quarters since accreditation was granted. For the most recent reporting period, the program's average **quarterly** pass rate was 43 percentage points below the State **quarterly** pass rate. The program's average **annual** pass rate was 14 percentage points below the State **annual** pass rate.

Additionally, the assigned consultant has identified major deficiencies in the program's curriculum. The director projects completion of the required revisions prior to commencement of the proposed classes. A reduced class will allow the program to increase the faculty: student ratio and improve a focus on student success.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**29. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Larisa Revzina, Fresno, Fresno County, Private)**

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program, requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into a day class commencing January 10, 2011, graduating February 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the day class who graduated in October 2010.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into an evening class commencing January 10, 2011, and graduating February 24, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students in the evening class who graduated in October 2010.

The EO denied Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program's request to admit a day class of 30 students commencing January 10, 2011, only, and graduating February 24, 2012; **and** approved the program's admission of a day class of 20 students commencing January 10, 2011 and graduating February 24, 2012, to **replace** students in

the day class who graduated in October 2010; **and** denied Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program's request to admit an evening class of 30 students commencing January 10, 2011, and graduating February 24, 2012; **and** approved the program's admission of an evening class of 20 students commencing January 10, 2011, and graduating February 24, 2012; **and** required the program to correct identified deficiencies in the curriculum and submit to the Board by January 28, 2011; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** On October 7, 2009, the Board placed Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program on Provisional Accreditation through May 31, 2010. At that time, several violations were cited. The program corrected the violations and was issued **full accreditation on May 20, 2010.**

As stated previously, the program's pass rate statistics on the NCLEX/PN<sup>®</sup> have been substantially below the state average for three (3) of the four (4) quarters since accreditation was granted. For the most recent reporting period, the program's average **quarterly** pass rate was **51** percentage points below the State **quarterly** pass rate. The program's average **annual** pass rate was **25** percentage points below the State **annual** pass rate.

When analyzing program information relative to the current request, the assigned consultant identified major deficiencies in the program's instructional plan. The consultant strongly recommended the implementation of critical interventions to address students' demonstrated deficits in theory and clinical knowledge and program performance statistics. The director has demonstrated a willingness to complete the required corrections. The director projects completion of the required revisions prior to the proposed January 2011 commencement of the next class. A reduced class will allow the program to increase the faculty: student ratio and improve a focus on student success.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**30. High Desert Medical College VN Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions and Request to Increase Enrollment (Director: Agnieszka Sibbitt, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The High Desert Medical College VN Program requests Board approval to increase the frequency of admissions and increase enrollment. Specifically, the program requests approval to admit 30 students three (3) times per year to the full-time **and** part-time class. Currently, the program is approved for ongoing admissions of two (2) full-time and two (2) part-time classes of 20 students per year to **replace** graduating students only.

The EO denied High Desert Medical College VN Program's request to admit 30 students three (3) times per year to the full-time class; **and** approved the program's admission of 15 students into the full-time day class commencing March 7, 2011, and graduating March 15,

2012, only; **and** denied High Desert Medical College VN Program's request to admit 30 students three (3) times per year to the part-time class; **and** approved the program's admission of 15 students into the part-time evening class commencing on April 8, 2010, and graduating October 21, 2012, only; **and** required the program to submit a report that includes 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 by **January 28, 2011**:

- a. Current Student Enrollment.
- b. Admission Criteria.
- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.
- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Remediation Policy.
- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

Additionally, the EO rescinded the program's ongoing admissions; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** The Board has serious concerns relative to student achievement and program pass rates. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources for the current and proposed enrollment. However, an analysis of program performance data substantiates a lack of student achievement and ability to pass the licensure examination. As such, an increase in the numbers and frequency of admissions is not supported.

Based on the **most recent data available** (July – September 2010), the program's average **annual** pass rate is 60%. As noted previously, the program's average annual pass rate is **15 percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate. Further, the program's average **quarterly** pass rates have been more than ten (10) percentage points below the State **quarterly** pass rate for eight (8) of the past eleven (11) quarters. The program has had fourteen (14) of seventeen (17) quarters in which its average annual pass rate has been more than ten (10) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Since January 2008 a total of 98 program graduates have taken the NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup>, 57% of these graduates passed the licensure examination and 43% failed.

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.

**31. Medical Allied Career Center VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Phillip Miller, Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County, Private)**

On September 16, 2010, the Board placed the Medical Allied Career Center VN Program on provisional accreditation for the two-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012. This action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (I) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The program requests approval to admit a part-time, evening, class of 15 students commencing January 17, 2011. The proposed class is projected to complete program requirements August 5, 2012.

The EO approved Medical Allied Career College's request to admit a part-time, evening, class of 15 students on January 17, 2011, and graduate August 5, 2012, only; **and** continued to require the program's requirement to obtain Board approval of all additional classes.

**Rationale:** The recommended approval of the proposed class of 15 students is consistent with VN Rules and Regulations Section 2526.1 (d), which states: *“Any program holding provisional accreditation may not admit “new” classes beyond the established pattern of admissions previously approved by the Board. The admission pattern is defined by the number of students per class and the frequency of admissions for the six class admissions that immediately precede the Board action to consider provisional accreditation.”*

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.

**32. Palladium Technical Academy VN Program – Request to Replace Students (Director: Ann Catone, El Monte, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Palladium Technical Academy VN Program requests approval to admit 45 students commencing November 8, 2010, to **replace** students that graduated October 1, 2010. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for February 3, 2012.

The EO denied Palladium Technical College VN Program's request to admit a class of 45 students commencing November 8, 2010 and graduating February 3, 2012, to **replace** students graduating October 2010, at this time; **and** required the program to submit a report by **December 20, 2010**. The report shall 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:

- a. Current Student Enrollment.
- b. Admission Criteria.
- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.

- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Remediation Policy.
- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

**Rationale:** The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's performance statistics on the NCLEX/PN<sup>®</sup>. From July 2009 – September 2010, the program's average annual pass rate had ranged from 41 to 48 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program has remained consistently more than ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate since initial accreditation.

As previously noted, a total of 22 program graduates have completed the licensure examination. Of the total tested, only six (6) graduates passed the licensure examination. As such, 27% of the total program candidates tested passed the licensure examination; 73% failed the licensure examination. Such performance statistics support the recommendation to deny approval. This denial will allow the program to focus on evaluation of the curriculum, related policies and procedures to identify potential problems that may be impeding student performance on the licensure examination.

Denial of the proposed class and the October 2010 graduation will result in an enrollment of 29 students. The remaining 29 students are projected to graduate June 2011.

In summary, the program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. However, the program's performance statistics do not support approval of the requested class. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**33. Prime Career College VN Program – Request to Replace Students (Director: Marivic Patriarca, Vallejo, Sonoma County, Private)**

The Prime Career College VN Program requested approval to admit a full-time class of 30 students on February 12, 2011, graduating March 23, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** a class that graduated December 2009.

The EO approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students on February 12, 2011, only, graduating March 23, 2012, to **replace** the class that graduated December 2009; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The marked improvement in the program's annual pass rates supports the recommended approval of a full-time class to replace graduating students. However, caution must be exercised to ensure that the demonstrated improvement is sustained.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources necessary to support the current and proposed student enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**34. San Joaquin Delta College PT Program – Request to Increase the Frequency of Admissions; Request to Increase Class Size (Director: Karen Ippolito, Stockton, San Joaquin County, Community College)**

The San Joaquin Delta College PT Program requests approval to increase the size of admitted classes. Specifically, the program proposes an increase from the current maximum of 30 students per class to 60 students per class, effective January 16, 2011.

Additionally, the program requests approval to increase the frequency of class admissions. Currently, the program is approved to admit one (1) class of 30 students per year. Effective January 16, 2011, the admission of two (2) classes per year is proposed to include a class of 60 students each January and 15 students each June.

The program reports that the requests are submitted in response to identified community need. The school has entered into agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (CDCR) to train staff for planned prison health care facilities over the next three (3) years.

The EO approved the San Joaquin Delta College PT Program's request to increase the maximum size of admissions from 30 students per class to 60 students per class effective January 16, 2011; **and** approved the program's request to admit two (2) classes per year effective January 16, 2011, to include 60 students in January and 15 students in June of each year through 2014.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of current and proposed students. 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.

**35. State Center Community College District, Madera Center, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Carol Fernandez, Madera, Madera County, Community College)**

The State Center Community College District, Madera Center, VN Program requests Board approval to admit 15 students into a full-time class beginning January 10, 2011, and graduating in May 2012. The Community Based Job Training Grant from the Department of Labor has provided a grant to partially fund this one-time request.

The EO approved State Center Community College District, Madera Center, VN Program's request to admit a day-time class of 15 students commencing January 10, 2011 only, graduating May, 2012; **and** continued the program's approval for ongoing admissions of one (1) full-time class of 30 students every fourth semester to **replace** graduating classes, only.

**Rationale:** As noted previously, 48 program candidates have taken the licensure examination from October 2008 through September 2010. Of the total program candidates tested, 43 candidates passed the licensure examination. Based on this information, 90% of program candidates have passed the examination from October 2008 through September 2010. Currently, the program's annual NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> pass rate is 84%. Such data supports the recommendation for a one – time admission of an additional class of 15 students.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the current and proposed class. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

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#### **36. Bay Area College of Nursing, Palo Alto, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Rachele Cagampan-Mendoza, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, Private)**

The Bay Area College of Nursing, Palo Alto, VN Program requests Board approval to admit 30 students into an evening class commencing January 3, 2011. Graduation of that class is projected for February 10, 2012.

The EO approved the Bay Area College of Nursing, Palo Alto, VN Program's request to admit 30 students into an evening class commencing January 3, 2011. Graduation of that class is projected for February 10, 2012; **and** required the program to submit a report by **February 1, 2011**, that includes a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program 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.
- f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- g. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- h. Textbooks.
- 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. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

o. Current Enrollment Information.

Additionally, the EO rescinded the program's current approval for the ongoing admission of 60 students into full-time day classes each January and July; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of students into day and evening classes.

**Rationale:** The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's pass rates on the NCLEX-PN®. On September 22, 2010, the assigned consultant strongly recommended the director complete a comprehensive analysis of the program, identify elements impacting student achievement, and develop a plan to correct identified deficiencies. To date, the recommended analysis has not been completed.

Further, concern is identified relative to the program's noncompliance with regulatory requirements regarding the utilization of unapproved faculty. The director has a reported lack of awareness that Board approval was required prior to the admission of students into evening classes.

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 accreditation surveys every four years.

If the program's pass rates do not improve, the program will be placed on the Board agenda for reconsideration of its accreditation status.

**37. Concorde Career Institute, San Bernardino, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Stephanie McMasters, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)**

The Concorde Career Institute, San Bernardino, VN Program requests approval to change its approved pattern of admissions. Currently, the program is approved to admit 36 full-time students five (5) times each year to **replace** graduating students only. Additionally, the program is approved to admit 30 part-time students three (3) times each year.

The director requests approval to discontinue the admission of part-time classes, effective December 31, 2010. Effective January 1, 2011, the director requests Board approval to admit 42 full-time students five (5) times each year.

The EO approved Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program's request to discontinue the admission of part-time classes effective December 31, 2010. The last -time class is projected to graduate August 16, 2012; **and** approved the program's request to admit 42 students into a full time class five (5) times each year, effective January 1, 2011, 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 Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes five full-time classes of 42 students 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.

**Rationale:** From February 2009 through July 2010, 339 program graduates have completed the licensure examination. Of that total, 299 have passed. As such, **88.20%** of the program's total candidates **passed** the licensure examination; while **11.80%** of the total program candidates **failed** the licensure examination.

Based on the most recent statistics, July – September 2010, the program's average annual pass rate is 84%. The California annual average pass rate for graduates from accredited vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time during the same period is 75%. As such, the average annual pass rate for the Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program is nine (9) percentage points **above** the state annual average pass rate.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources including faculty, clinical facilities, staff, support services, physical space, skills laboratory, and equipment for the current and proposed enrollment. 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 accreditation surveys every four years.

**38. Medical Career Institute – Request to Begin a VN Program (Director: Elizabeth Rich, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private)**

Medical Career Institute, Los Angeles, requests approval to commence a VN program with an initial class of 30 students. The proposed class would commence February 28, 2011, and is projected to graduate May 11, 2012

The full-time program is 50 weeks in length. The curriculum is divided into four (4) terms.

The EO approved Medical Career Institute's request to begin a VN program with an initial class of 30 students on February 28, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of May 11, 2012; **and** approved the program curriculum for 1530 hours, including 576 theory and 954 clinical hours; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The proposal meets all requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2526. Concern is identified in the following areas of the curriculum.

➤ **Curriculum Design.**

The program uses Maslow's Hierarchy of Basic Human Needs as its conceptual framework. Curricular threads include Holism, Nursing Process, Life-Cycle Development, Critical Thinking, and Patient Education. However, Growth and Development totals only 15 theory hours.

➤ **Course Presentation.**

As presented, the course of instruction consists of 41 small classes. This may result in fragmentation of presented content.

**39. Shepherd University, Los Angeles, VN Program – Request to Replace Students (Director: Hyunmie Kim, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Shepherd University VN Program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing March 21, 2011, and graduating June 16, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students graduating March 12, 2011.

Additionally, the Shepherd University VN Program requests to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of October 6, 2012, to **replace** students graduating July 2, 2011.

The EO approved Shepherd University VN Program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing March 21, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of June 16, 2012, to **replace** students graduating March 12, 2011; **and** approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing July 11, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of October 6, 2012, to **replace** students graduating July 2, 2011; **and** required the program to obtain prior Board approval for replacement classes.

**Rationale:** Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is three (3) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. From July 2008, 104 graduates have taken the licensure examination. Of the 104 graduates, 76 candidates passed the NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> and 28 failed. To date, 28 of the 104 graduates have not taken the exam.

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

**40. Unitek College, Santa Clara, VN Program – Request to Replace Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Garth Hutton, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, Private)**

The program requests Board approval to admit a full-time class of 36 students commencing January 31, 2011, and graduating January 27, 2012. The proposed class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 3, 2010. Approval is also requested to admit a full-time class of 36 students commencing August 22, 2011, and graduating July 27, 2012. The proposed class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate July 22, 2011. Additionally, the program requests approval for ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes.

The EO approved Unitek College, Santa Clara, VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 36 students commencing January 31, 2011, and graduating January 27, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated December 3, 2010; **and** approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 36 students commencing August 22, 2011, and graduating July 27, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated July 22, 2011; **and** approved the program's

request for ongoing 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 admission of one (1) class of 36 full-time students two (2) times per 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.

**Rationale:** To date, 91 program graduates have taken the NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup>. Eighty-two (82) passed the licensure examination and 9 failed. From October 2008 through September 2010, 90% of the total program graduates completing the NCLEX/PN passed. Based on the most recent data available, the program's average annual pass rate is 15 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Additionally, the program is in full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

**41. Valley School of Allied Health VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Jones – Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)**

On September 16, 2010, the Board placed the Valley School of Allied Health VN Program on provisional accreditation for the two-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012. This action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (I) of the VN Rules and Regulations

The director of the Valley School of Allied Health VN Program requests approval to admit 20 students that would commence on February 28, 2011, and complete May 7, 2012, to **replace** students graduating February 15, 2011. Additionally, the program is requesting approval to admit 20 students on May 9, 2011, and complete June 12, 2012, to **replace** students graduating May 7, 2011.

The EO approved Valley School of Allied Health VN Program's request to admit 20 students on February 28, 2011, and complete May 7, 2012, to **replace** students graduating February 15, 2011, only; **and** denied the program's request to admit 20 students on May 9, 2011, and complete June 12, 2012, to **replace** students graduating May 7, 2011, at this time.

**Rationale:** The program was placed on Provisional Accreditation at the September 16, 2010, Board meeting for a 2 year period through September 30, 2012 for noncompliance with Section 2530 (I) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Since July 2008, eighty-nine (89) graduates have taken the licensure examination. Of the 89 who tested, 44 passed the licensure examination and

45 have failed. Currently, the quarterly pass rate dropped nine (9) percentage points. As such, the quarterly pass rate dropped from 71% to 62%. The average annual pass rate came up marginally by one (1) percentage point from 49% to 50%. The Board continues to have serious concerns relative to the program's pass rates on the NCLEX-PN®.

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 accreditation surveys every four years.

**42. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; and Request to Change Pattern of Admissions (Director: Karen Hall, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)**

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program is currently approved to admit 20 full-time students twice each year to **replace** graduating students only. The program is also approved to admit 20 part-time students every 18 months to **replace** graduating students only. The program requests approval to increase student enrollment. Specifically, the admission of 30 full-time students four (4) times each year is proposed.

The program also requests Board approval to terminate the part-time class after graduation of currently enrolled students on June 27, 2011.

Approval is requested to modify the length of the full-time class. The same curriculum would be utilized – just adjusted to cover 15 months. The three (3) twelve (12) month, full-time classes, currently in session and the current 18-month class would be eliminated upon completion of the current classes.

Submitted information confirms that the program implemented the curriculum revision and admitted a full time class of 20 students on October 5, 2010. The anticipated graduation date is December 23, 2011. That class was admitted without prior Board approval.

The EO approved the West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program's request to terminate the 18-month part time program effective June 27, 2011; **and** denied the program's request to increase the size of admitted classes from 20 to 30 students to **replace** graduating students only; **and** approved the program to admit a full-time class of 20 students on January 5, 2011, to **replace** students that graduated December 23, 2010, only; **and** denied approval of the program's request to admit a full-time class in January, April, July and October of each year, to **replace** graduating students only; **and** approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on April 4, 2011, only; **and** rescinded the program's approval for ongoing admissions effectively immediately; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** approved the program's request to modify the length of the full-time class from 12 to 15 months.

**Rationale:** Since January 2010, the program enrolled 68 students. Forty-six (46) students currently remain in the program, while 22 are terminated. As such, a 32% attrition rate exists for this time period.

From July 2008, forty-seven (47) graduates took the licensure examination. Thirty-six (36) passed and 11 failed. The program's average annual licensure pass rate has improved over the last five (5) quarters and is currently 88%.

However, it must be noted that the program exceeded the admissions approved by the Board. Such action constitutes a violation of California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (k). Requiring the program to request future replacement classes will allow the Board to monitor the increase in student population and evaluate the effect on the program's licensure pass rates.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

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#### **43. Healthcare College of California VN Program – Request to Replace a Class (Director: Milva Quial, Stockton, San Joaquin County - Private)**

The Healthcare College of California VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 30 students on February 22, 2011, graduating December 30, 2011. The proposed class would **replace** a class that graduated on August 14, 2010.

The EO denied the Healthcare College of California VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students on February 22, 2011, graduating December 30, 2011 to **replace** a class that graduated on August 14, 2010; **and** approved the program to admit a full-time class of 20 students on February 22, 2011, graduating December 30, 2011, to **replace** a class that graduated on August 14, 2010; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** As previously stated, the program has had 131 candidates take the licensure exam. Sixty-four (64) candidates have passed and 67 have failed. Of the 12 quarters that the program has had candidates take the licensure exam, the program has only had two (2) reported average annual pass rates that were marginally within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate. As such, ten (10) quarters have been significantly below the state average annual pass rate. Currently, the quarterly pass rate is 71% and the average annual pass rate is 49%.

The program has recently revised their admission criteria, remediation policy related to student's poor performance, initiated mandatory NCLEX review, oral interviews to determine students readiness for NCLEX, and initiation of ATI testing. These measures were taken to address the program's unacceptably low pass rate performance.

Currently, the program does not have students. Therefore, limiting the number of students to 20, for the requested February 2011 class, will allow the program to concentrate its resources to improve student achievement and improve their program performance statistics. Additionally, this will allow the program to assess the impact of the program's recently implemented plan to improve student performance on the licensure examination.

The program has submitted documentation indicating it has the resources i.e., faculty and facilities, necessary to support the requested students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

**44. Sierra Pacific College, VN Program- Request to Admit Students (Director: Bernadette Bautista, Redlands, San Bernardino County, Private)**

The Sierra Pacific College, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 students commencing on January 31, 2011, and graduating on January 27, 2012.

Additionally, the program is requesting to admit a class of 30 students commencing on July 11, 2011, and graduating July 27, 2012, to **replace** students graduating on June 17, 2011.

The EO approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students commencing on January 31, 2011, and graduating on January 27, 2012; **and** denied the program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing on July 11, 2011, and graduating July 27, 2012, to **replace** students graduating on June 17, 2011, at this time; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's initial class graduated 21 students on March 7, 2010. Six (6) graduates have taken the licensure examination, to date. Of the total graduates tested, three (3) passed and three (3) failed. Therefore, the program currently has 50% pass rate on the licensure examination.

Approving the program's request to add an additional class of 30, will give the program a total of 43 students. Denying the program's request to replace the graduating class July 11, 2011, at this time, will allow the Board to monitor the licensure pass rates for the remaining graduates from the first class that have not yet tested.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

**45. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program – Request to Replace Students (Director: Karen Hall, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)**

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program request approval to admit 20 students on January 31, 2011, and graduating on January 30, 2012 to **replace** students that graduated on December 23, 2010.

The EO approved the program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 20 students on January 31, 2011, and graduating January 30, 2012, only, to **replace** students that graduated December 23, 2010; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The director received approval for a two classes of 30 students each to start on January 4, 2010. She then divided the classes into three (3) separate classes of 20 students each. She was told by Board staff to submit the

request in writing, which she understood to mean that was all she had to do. The assigned consultant issued a letter of violation and required the program to submit a plan of correction by January 21, 2010. The director verbalized her understanding of the error and indicated she will submit the plan as required. Board staff will continue to monitor the enrollment tables for all future requests. The program's current annual NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> pass rate is 100%.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

### **Effective January 28, 2011:**

#### **46. American College of Nursing VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Laura Smith McKenna, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)**

The American College of Nursing VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 45 students commencing January 31, 2011, and graduating February 2, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** students who graduated January 22, 2011.

The EO approved the American College of Nursing VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 45 students commencing January 31, 2011, only, with a projected graduation date of February 2, 2012, to **replace** students who graduated January 22, 2011; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of all classes.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rates on the licensure examination have improved considerably over the last six (6) quarters from 42% to 81%. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is five (5) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

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.