

Agenda Item #13.A.1.



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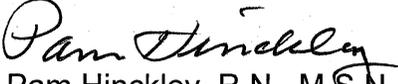
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DATE: February 6, 2013

TO: Board Members

FROM: 
Pam Hinckley, R.N., M.S.N.
Nursing Education Consultant

SUBJECT: Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Minnie Douglas, Los Angeles, Private)

On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Accreditation¹ for the two-year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, and directed issuance of a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1(e) of the California Code of Regulations. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

The program is requesting approval to:

- admit 30 students on May 20, 2013, graduating May 11, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate on May 19, 2013;
- admit 30 students on September 23, 2013, graduating September 14, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate September 22, 2014; and
- admit 30 students on December 16, 2013, graduating on December 7, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate on December 15, 2013.

History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A, for the History of Prior Board Actions from May 12, 2006 through December 24, 2012.)

¹ Prior to January 1, 2012, references in article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and article 4 of the Psychiatric Technicians Law provided that the Board accredits all vocational nursing and psychiatric technicians programs. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 2883 and 4532 (Senate Bill 539, Chapter 338, Statutes of 2011), **accredit** was changed to **approve**. There was no change to the Board's authority or jurisdiction.

Enrollment

The program offers a full-time course of instruction that is 48 weeks in length. Board approval is required prior to the admission of additional students. The pattern of admissions for projected classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The following table represents **current, projected and proposed** student enrollment based on class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 90 students** for the period from **January 2008 through December 2014**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Completed			
10/12	9/13	30	30	30
01/13	12/13	30		30 + 30 = 60
05/13 proposed	5/14	30		60 + 30 = 90
	9/13 (10/12 Class)		-30	90 - 30 = 60
9/13 proposed	9/14	30		60 + 30 = 90
	12/13 (01/13 Class)		-30	90 - 30 = 60
12/13 proposed	12/14	30		60 + 30 = 90

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by the 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 2007 through December 2012, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical (Vocational) Nurses (NCLEX-PN®).

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate	Variance From the State Average Annual Pass Rate
Oct - Dec 2007	1	1	100%	76%	100%	76%	+24
Jan-Mar 2008	8	7	88%	75%	89%	75%	+14
Apr - Jun 2008	4	0	0%	75%	62%	75%	-13

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate	Variance From the State Average Annual Pass Rate
Oct – Dec 2008	7	1	14%	73%	45%	73%	-28
Jan – Mar 2009	16	4	25%	70%	23%	72%	-49
Apr – Jun 2009	10	5	50%	71%	33%	70%	-37
Jul – Sep 2009	12	7	58%	74%	38%	72%	-34
Oct – Dec 2009	14	6	43%	76%	42%	73%	-31
Jan – Mar 2010	19	7	37%	76%	45%	74%	-29
Apr – Jun 2010	18	9	50%	74%	46%	75%	-29
Jul – Sep 2010	10	3	30%	76%	41%	75%	-34
Oct – Dec 2010	17	5	29%	77%	38%	76%	-38
Jan – Mar 2011	23	11	48%	82%	41%	77%	-36
Apr – Jun 2011	11	5	45%	71%	39%	76%	-37
Jul – Sep 2011	21	16	76%	74%	51%	77%	-26
Oct – Dec 2011	26	17	65%	74%	60%	75%	-15
Jan – Mar 2012	27	22	81%	77%	71%	74%	-3
Apr – Jun 2012	6	6	100%	72%	76%	74%	+2
Jul – Sep 2012	19	15	79%	74%	77%	74%	+3
Oct – Dec 2012	4	3	75%	70%	82%	74%	+8

*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.

This data substantiates the program's **noncompliance** with Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations for the period **April 2008 through December 2011** and **compliance** for the periods **October 2007 through March 2008** and **January 2012 through December 2012**.

Based on the most current data available (October – December 2012), the program's average annual pass rate is 82%. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from accredited vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time is 74%. The average annual pass rate for Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program is **eight (8) percentage points above** the state average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

Section 2534(d) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

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

The number of Board-approved faculty totals seventeen (17), including the program director. One (1) is a teacher's assistant and one (1) is additional faculty. The director has 80% administrative and 20% teaching duties. Of the total faculty, fourteen (14) are approved to teach in the clinical area.

Based on a maximum enrollment of 90 students, six (6) instructors are needed. Therefore, the number of current faculty is adequate for the current and proposed enrollment.

Section 2534 (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"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."

The program has clinical facilities that are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives, in accordance with Section 2534 (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

Other Considerations

On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Accreditation for the two-year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013 (see Attachment B).

On November 27, 2012, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis. Included in this analysis were the following elements (see Attachment C):

- Admission – increased the Wonderlic passing score to 25.
- Screening and Selection Criteria - no changes were made.
- Terminal and Curriculum Objectives - no changes were made.
- Curriculum- no changes.
- Grading Criteria – commencing with the May 29, 2012 class admission, students are only allowed to retake three (3) times within the 49 week program.
- Clinical Evaluation – incorporated critical thinking activities to ensure theory to clinical correlation. Instructors submit weekly clinical reports to the Director to ensure theory to clinical correlation.
- Plan to improve program pass rates - computer lab set up and ATI coordinators assist students in remediation, proctoring exams, etc. The lab is open five (5) days a week.
- NCLEX review and exit exam - initiated.

On December 13, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.

On December 24, 2012, the Board received the requested correspondence from the program director. The following information was submitted (see Attachment D).

- Full-time instructors increased.
- Added an Assistant Director, full-time Educations Chair who will work with students dealing with test taking anxieties, ATI coordinators.
- Revised the syllabus to be user friendly.
- Increased the entrance test criteria (Wonderlic) from 21 to 25.
- Ongoing evaluation of clinical instructors relevant to integration of theory to clinical. Faculty to submit weekly reports related to types of patient's students assigned, topics of post-conferences, clinical objective achievements, etc.
- Assistance provided to faculty in identification of various students learning needs.
- Implemented standardized electronic testing.
- Implemented Pre and Post tests for lecture to assist identification of students who may be struggling with content.
- Provided lap top computers to all students.
- Tutoring and study skills workshops provided.
- Limited the number of retake examinations allowed from unlimited to three (3) times per program.
- Comprehensive exit exam given before graduation and upon completion of a four (4) week intensive review.
- Director will submit the graduates completed paperwork with in 24 hour of completion of exit exams and passing of the program.
- Developed and implemented an outreach program to reach out to former graduates that have not taken the licensure examination, to date.

Recommendations:

1. Approve full approval of Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from February 22, 2013 through February 21, 2017, and issue a certificate accordingly.
2. Approve the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students on May 20, 2013 **only**, graduating May 11, 2014. This class will **replace** students that graduated on May 19, 2013.
3. Approve the program's request to admit to admit 30 students on September 23, 2013, graduating September 14, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate September 22, 2014.
4. Deny the program's request to admit 30 students on December 16, 2013, graduating on December 7, 2014. This class will replace students that will graduate on December 15, 2013.

Rationale: Prior to the most recent four (4) quarters of licensure pass rate data, the program had 15 quarters of significantly low pass rates which led to the program being placed on Provisional Approval for a two (2) year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013. The program's most current

four (4) quarters have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate. The current average annual pass rate is 82%. This is eight (8) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The increase in licensure exam pass rates over the most recent four (4) quarters warrants the approval of two (2) of the three (3) requested classes and removal from provisional approval; however, since this is only four (4) quarters of compliant pass rates, caution is advised to ensure that the program maintains this positive trend. If the program were to request approval in October 2013 to admit a December 2013 class, it is likely that the Board would have three more quarters of licensure exam data on which to base its decision. Therefore, the request for a December 16, 2013 class is recommended to be denied at this time.

Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions.

Attachment B: Notice of Change in Approval Status dated March 11, 2011.

Attachment C: Program Correspondence dated November 27, 2012.

Attachment D: Program Correspondence dated December 24, 2012.

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Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program

History of Prior Board Actions

- On May 12, 2006, the Executive Officer approved Advanced College's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 45 students commencing July 10, 2006, only; and approved the program curriculum for 1536 hours, including 580 theory, and 956 clinical hours.
- **On July 12, 2006, a new program director was approved.**

Subsequently, the Board received notification that commencement of the initial class had been delayed until October 2, 2006, to allow sufficient time for candidate testing. The revised date of graduation is projected for September 14, 2007.

- On June 5, 2007, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period, June 5, 2007, through June 4, 2011, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 45 students commencing October 1, 2007, to **replace** students graduating September 14, 2007; **and** approved the admission of an additional class of 45 students to start on June 18, 2007 only, with a projected completion date of June 1, 2008, thereby increasing the frequency of admissions; **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 pattern of admissions would be two classes a year with a maximum of 45 students per class.
 - b) The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On December 12, 2007, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students starting January 14, 2008, with a projected completion of November 25, 2008, for one time only.
- On December 8, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 45 students starting January 26, 2009, with a projected completion of January 10, 2010, to **replace** students graduating December 14, 2008. Additionally, the program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes only, was approved with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's pattern of admissions is three full-time classes per year with 45 students per class.
 - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- **On February 27, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**
 - On May 1, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past four (4) quarters. The program was requested to submit a written plan for improving their NCLEX-PN[®] pass rates by May 31, 2009.
 - On May 29, 2009, the Board received the program's plan to improve program pass rates.
 - On July 10, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past five (5) quarters.
 - **On August 5, 2009, the Board approved a new program director.**
 - On November 18, 2009, the program was notified that its annual average pass rate had fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past six (6) quarters.
 - On December 8, 2010, the program was notified that its average annual pass rate had fallen more than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for more than eight (8) consecutive quarters. The following information was requested by December 23, 2010.
 - a. Current and projected enrollment.
 - b. Approved faculty.
 - c. Approved clinical facilities.
 - d. Clinical rotation schedule.
 - e. Analysis of the submitted corrective action plan.
 - On December 22, 2010, the Board received the program's response to the December 8, 2010 request.
 - January 13, 2011, the Supervising Nursing Education Consultant sent correspondence to the director requesting the submission of documents for Board presentation.
 - On January 26, 2011, copies of the program's Performance Improvement Strategic Plan status report were received for dissemination to Board members.

- On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Accreditation for the two-year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, and directed issuance of a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. The program was required to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by **February 28, 2013; and,**

The Board **rescinded** the program's approval for **ongoing admissions**, including the admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum admission of 45 students per class; **approved** the program's admission of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011, and required the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Additionally, the program was required to show documented progress by submitting follow-up reports in 10 months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**. The reports must include 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. Current 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.
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- 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.

The Board specified that failure to show progress may be cause for reconsideration of the program's provisional accreditation. The program was required to comply with all accreditation standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526.

Reconsideration of the program's provisional accreditation was scheduled for the **February 2013** Board meeting.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's non-compliance with regulations relative to pass rates on the NCLEX-PN®.

The program has reported the admission of 314 students from initial accreditation through December 31, 2010. Of the total admitted, 141 students have graduated. **Of the total program graduates, 92% have completed the NCLEX/PN; 38% of those tested through the most recent reporting period passed; 62% failed.** Based on these statistics, rescission of the Board's prior approval for the program's ongoing admission of 45 students three (3) times each year is prudent.

The program has reported improvement in its pass rate performance. It must be noted that while some improvement has occurred, the program's average annual pass rates remain markedly noncompliant with regulatory requirements. Specifically, the program's average annual pass rates have been more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for eleven (11) consecutive quarters.

- On April 5, 2011, the Board forwarded to the program, per certified and regular mail, the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status.
- On April 14, 2011, the Board received the program's signed Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status. The document was signed by the program director on April 8, 2011.
- On October 24, 2011, the Executive Officer deferred action on the program's request to admit students to the Board for consideration at the February 24, 2012 meeting. That decision was based on the program's pass rate statistics. The consultant notified the director of the decision per telephone.
- On January 13, 2012, the assigned consultant telephoned the director relative to the absence of the required follow-up report. Submission of the report was directed by the Board on February 25, 2011.
- On January 18, 2012, the Board received electronic correspondence from the director stating her inability to "locate a document requesting information to the BVNPT by December 1, 2011."
- On January 24, 2012, the Board forwarded electronic correspondence referring the director to the April 5, 2011 Notice of Change in Accreditation status.
- On February 24, 2012, the Board **denied** Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 45 students commencing February 27, 2012; and, continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On March 12, 2012, the Board forwarded correspondence per certified and regular mail relative to the Board's decisions rendered February 24, 2012.

- On April 4, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
- On April 6, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the program director and eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.
- On May 11, 2012, the Board approved the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students on May 29, 2012, only, graduating May 19, 2013, to **replace** students that graduated May 27, 2012; and, deferred the authority to the Executive Officer to consider the program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing on October 1, 2012, graduating September 22, 2013, contingent on the program's continued improvement in its' average annual pass rates on the NCLEX-PN®; and, continue to require the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.
- On August 14, 2012, the Executive Officer approved the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students on October 1, 2012, only, graduating September 22, 2013; and, required the program to continue to require the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.
- On August 14, 2012, the Executive Officer Approve the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students on October 1, 2012, only, graduating September 22, 2013; and, continue to require the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.
- On November 27, 2012, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis.
- On December 13, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
- On December 24, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the program director and eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.

Agenda Item #15.A.Attachment C



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CERTIFIED MAIL

March 11, 2011

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Subject: Notice of Change in Accreditation Status

Dear Ms. Douglas:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on February 25, 2011, the status of the Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program has been changed from full accreditation to provisional accreditation for the two – year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013. Please sign and return the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status" form by **Friday, March 11, 2011.**

AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE [VIOLATION(S)]

In accordance with Section 2526.1(c) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations,

"The Board may place any program on provisional accreditation when that program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Section 2526..."

Section 2530(l) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations 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.

- (l) 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 pass rates of the Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program for the past ten (10) quarters are set forth in the following table.

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Pass Rates			
Quarter	State Annual Average Pass Rate	Program Annual Average Pass Rate	Variance from State Annual Average Pass Rate
Apr – Jun 2008	75%	62%	-13
Jul - Sep 2008	74%	63%	-11
Oct - Dec 2008	73%	45%	-28
Jan – Mar 2009	72%	23%	-49
Apr – Jun 2009	70%	33%	-37
Jul - Sep 2009	72%	38%	-34
Oct – Dec 2009	73%	42%	-31
Jan – Mar 2010	74%	45%	-29
Apr – Jun 2010	75%	46%	-29
Jun – Sep 2010	75%	41%	-34

Based on this data, the program failed to meet the annual average pass rate requirement.

REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)

1. The Advanced College, South Gate, Vocational Nursing Program must bring its licensure examination annual average pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State annual average pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by **February 28, 2013**.
2. The program must prepare and submit a written plan to improve its pass rates and make modifications to the plan as necessary based on the success or failure of the actions taken. Follow – up reports must be submitted in 10 months, but no later than December 1, 2011, and 22 months, but no later than December 1, 2012. The reports must include 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. Current 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.
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 - 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.
3. The program must cease the ongoing admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum of 45 students admitted per class.
 4. The program is approved to admit a class of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2011, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011.
 5. The program must admit no additional students unless specifically approved by the Board.
 6. The program must comply with all accreditation standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2526.

Failure to take these corrective actions may cause the Board to revoke the program's accreditation. In the event additional violations of the accreditation standards are identified, such violations may result in further corrective action or revocation of provisional accreditation.

FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **February 2013** Board Meeting agenda for reconsideration of your accreditation status. The nursing education consultant assigned to your program will ask you to submit documentation of the correction of your violation(s) by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to that Board meeting.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be advised that, pursuant to the Board's regulations, the program will not be authorized to admit new classes beyond the established pattern of admissions previously approved by the Board. The established pattern of admissions approved by the Board is as follows: **Prior Board approval is required for the admission of each class.**

In the event your program is required to submit any report(s) as a corrective action pursuant to this notice, such reports are required in addition to any other reports required pursuant to 2527 of the Board's regulations.

The program may no longer advertise that it has full accreditation, and should take steps to correct any ongoing advertisements or publications in that regard.

A copy of title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 2526.1, regarding provisional accreditation is attached for your reference. A complete copy of the Board's laws and regulations can be found on the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

Sincerely,

TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.
Executive Officer

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Enclosure

cc: Board Members



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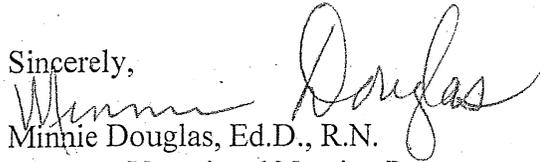
November 26, 2012

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Dear Ms Hinckley:

Advanced College's second Provisional Accreditation Report due before December 1, 2012 is attached. The college is requesting removal of the Provisional status as the data of the NCLEX-PN indicate that the college has shown growth in its graduates passing the examination on the first attempt. In addition, we are requesting to admit thirty (30) students three times per year, January, May and October. Please advise if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,


Minnie Douglas, Ed.D., R.N.
Director, Vocational Nursing Program
Advanced College

ADVANCED COLLEGE
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION REPORT
NOVEMBER 26, 2012

This report is Advanced College's second report in response to the college being placed on Provisional Accreditation effective February 25, 2011.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Start date	Completion date	#Students admitted	#Students remaining in class
5/29/12	5/19/2013	30	20
10/1/12	9/22/13	30	30
Approved 1/7/13	12/15/13	30 Approved	Approved

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program is in adherence to all applicable policies and procedures of the college.

Admission Requirements:

1. Proof of completion of an approved general education course of study through the 12th grade or evidence of completion of the equivalent thereof.
2. Completion of Mathematic and Reading testing- Wonderlic with a score of 25 or
3. History and physical with immunization record completed by physician or designee, indicating no restrictions in performing nursing duties required in the program.
4. Criminal background screening.

Plan submitted in previous report:

An analysis of data relative to graduates passing the NCLEX-PN on the first attempt indicated that a mean score of 28 on the Wonderlic was prevalent. As a result of these findings, the college changed its Admission Requirement to include passing of Wonderlic test with a score of 25 or higher. This has proven to be effective and is seen in the students being able to pass class room examinations thus eliminating having to be placed on probation.

Screening and Selection Criteria

(No changes made in this process)

1. Prospective students shall submit to the director, official documentation of

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ADVANCED COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

BVNPT Received edu
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SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE NCLEX-PN PASS RATE

Since being placed on Provisional Approval February 25, 2011, Advanced College has worked diligently in addressing the issue of low pass rate on the NCLEX-PN. In an attempt to correct this deficit, the college has being involved in the following activities:

1. Increased employment of full time instructors.
2. Hired Assistant Director for the Vocational Nursing Program.
3. Hired full time Educational Chair who is a licensed Psychiatrist and works with students in dealing with anxieties as it relates to learning and test taking.
4. Prepared a friendlier syllabus for students.
5. Increase passing on Wonderlic from a score 21 to 25. Based upon evaluation of scores attained by students passing the NCLEX-PN on first attempt.
6. Evaluating clinical instructions and the correlations to theory integration.
7. Continued to monitor faculty in clinical setting and require each to submit a written standardized report each week regarding :a) Clinical patients assignments as related to theory content; b) Conference content covered correlated with theory content; c) review of clinical objectives with an emphasis on delivering quality patient care using critical thinking ; d) attendance and ;e) professionalism in clinical areas.
8. Assisting faculty in becoming more aware of students various learning needs and to use effective methods of teaching didactic.
9. Using standardized electronic testing.
10. Hired full time ATI coordinators to assist instructors in working with students.
11. Conducting pre and posts tests after each lecture to ascertain students grasp of subject matter and content which requires further explanations.
12. Providing lap top computers to all students.
13. Conducting one day orientation of incoming students with content consisting of: a) expectations of programs; b) critical thinking exercises; c) mathematics review and d) computer skills assessments for follow-up in assisting students with limited computer use skills.
14. Conducting study skills workshops and tutoring sessions based upon student's learning styles.
15. Providing mathematics tutoring and testing which is required if score on Mathematics Assessment test is below 80%.
16. Allowing students to remediate and retake examinations only three (3) times while enrolled in the program. Previous to this students had unlimited times to retake as long as their cumulative grade was above 75%.
17. Giving a Comprehensive Exit Examination before graduation
18. Submitting of students' applications to BVNPT within 24 hours of passing the Comprehensive Exit Examination.

19. Providing opportunity for students to pass the Comprehensive Exit Examination after attending four week intensive review of subject matter by conducting tutoring/review sessions.
20. Providing NCLEX-PN review.
21. Continued contacts with students to have them apply to take the NCLEX-PN immediately upon receiving approval for testing.
22. Developed and implemented Alumni group to assist in mentoring/tutoring students.
23. Developed and implemented plan to reach out to students who had graduated months/years previously and had not taken the NCLEX-PN. This has proven to be most challenging, as many students relocate without forwarding addresses. We believe this is a major factor when our scores continue to fluctuate.

Since being placed on Provisional Approval, Advanced College has worked diligently in fulfillment of the requirement for improvement of the four (4) quarters which is illustrated as follows:

1. Quarter 4, 2011 (October 1, 2011- December 31, 2011)

State of California Passing Rate 74%
Advanced College Passing Rate 65%

2. Quarter 1, 2012 (January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012)

State of California Passing Rate 77%
Advanced College Passing Rate 81%

3. Quarter 2, 2012 (April 1, 2012 –June 30, 2012)

State of California Passing Rate 72%
Advanced College Passing Rate 100%

4. Quarter 3, 2012 (July 1, 2012-September 30, 2012)

State of California Passing Rate 74%
Advanced College Passing Rate 78%