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TO: Board Members

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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 February 13, 2013

1. **Angeles College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Major Curriculum Revision** (Director: Asima Jabbar, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private)

In an attempt to bring the program's licensure pass rates, the director has revised the curriculum. At the November 9, 2012 Board meeting the Board approved a class of 15 students to begin pending approval of the new curriculum by the Executive Officer.

The Executive Officer approved the Angeles College curriculum for 1800 hours, including 750 theory and 1050 clinical hours for the full-time program and continued to require the program to obtain prior Board approval to admit students.

Rationale: At the November 9, 2012 Board meeting the Board approved a class of 15 students to begin pending approval of the new curriculum by the Executive Officer. The director has revised the program's curriculum in an attempt to bring up the program's low licensure pass rates.

Currently twenty-one (21) quarters of licensure data are available for the program. Of the 21 quarters of data, the program's average annual pass rates are more than ten (10) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rates for 16 quarters. The most recent **eleven (11) consecutive quarters** are **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's current quarter licensure pass rate is **11%** and the average annual pass rate is **42%**. The pass rate for the Angeles College Vocational Nursing Program is **32** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

The Board takes notice of the program's very low licensure pass rates. The Board is hopeful that the new curriculum will increase the student's performance on the licensure examination, however, if the pass rates continue to fall or not improve the program will be placed on the Board

agenda for Board consideration. Failure of the program to Improve pass rates may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.

Twenty-one students are currently enrolled in classes. Twelve (12) enrolled students will graduate in March 2013 and nine (9) are scheduled to graduate in May 2013. With the Board approved class of 15 students, pending approval of the new curriculum, the program would have 36 students through March 2013 and upon graduation of the March class of 12 they would have 24 remaining students through May 2013. After the May class graduates the program would have 15 students.

2. Career Development Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Helen Hansen, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private)

On February 2, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the director requesting approval to admit 30 students into a **part-time** class commencing April 17, 2013, and graduating October 29, 2014. If approved, this class will be an additional class, not a replacement class.

The Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit 30 students into a part-time class commencing April 17, 2013, only, graduating October 29, 2014, and continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations and has documented the resources to support the requested students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate each quarter, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

3. Chaffey College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Shelley Eckvahl, Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County, Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Chaffey College Vocational Nursing Program in January 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer continued full approval for the Chaffey College Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from May 14, 2012 through May 13, 2016, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly; and continued ongoing admission of two (2) classes per year with 45 students per class to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 45 students yearly in January and August, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. The Board takes notice of the program's current quarter licensure rate of **50%** and 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. City College of San Francisco Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Chita Torres, San Francisco, San Francisco County, Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed by the City College of San Francisco Vocational Nursing Program in January 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. **No violations** were noted.

The Executive Officer continued full approval for the City College of San Francisco Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from May 13, 2012, through May 12, 2016, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly; and continued ongoing admission of 60 students to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 60 students in the Fall and Spring, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program meets the requirements of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

5. College of the Desert Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Wayne Boyer, Palm Desert, Riverside County, Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed by the College of the Desert Vocational Nursing Program. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer continued full approval for the College of the Desert Vocational Nursing Program for the four – year period from May 14, 2011 through May 13, 2015 and the Board issued a certificate accordingly; and continued ongoing admission of 60 students to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 60 students yearly in August, only.

- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

6. Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program –Request to Admit Students
(Director: Maria Luisa Lahorra, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

The program director requests approval to admit a full-time class of 40 students commencing April 15, 2013, and graduating April 25, 2014, to **replace** students that graduated on September 19, 2012.

The Executive Officer **denied** the Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of forty students commencing on April 15, 2013, and graduating April 25, 2014, only, to **replace** the class that graduated September 19, 2012; approved the Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program to admit a class of twenty students commencing on April 15, 2013, and graduating April 25, 2014, only, to replace the class that graduated September 19, 2012; required the program to perform an analysis of the program and submit a written report by **March 30, 2013**. That analysis and report should include a determination of the root causes of the graduates not being successful on the licensure examination and a plan of action to address those causes; and continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board is concerned about the program's recent pattern of declining licensure examination pass rate. Decreasing class size will allow the relatively new director (approved in February 2012) the opportunity to analyze the program and develop a plan of action to improve the student's ability to pass the licensure examination. The Board will be watching for the test results of the students who graduated in September 2012 with great interest.

7. InterCoast Colleges, Fairfield, Vocational Nursing Program (formerly College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program) –Request to Admit Students; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Elizabeth Kogut, Fairfield, Solano County, Private)

The director is requesting approval of ongoing admissions of day classes of 30 students every 19 weeks and evening classes of 30 students every 19 weeks starting with the following class requests for 2013:

- First Day Class: Admit on March 25, 2013; graduate on August 8, 2014
- First Evening Class: Admit on April 23, 2013; graduate on September 21, 2014
- Second Day Class: Admit on July 1, 2013; graduate on November 14, 2014
- Second Evening Class: Admit on September 9, 2013; graduate on February 8, 2015
- Third Day Class: Admit on November 18, 2013; graduate on April 10, 2015

The Executive Officer approved the InterCoast Colleges, Fairfield, Vocational Nursing Program's request for the following class admissions of 30 students per class:

First Day Class: Admit on March 25, 2013; graduate on August 8, 2014
First Evening Class: Admit on April 23, 2013; graduate on September 21, 2014
Second Day Class: Admit on July 1, 2013; graduate on November 14, 2014
Second Evening Class: Admit on September 9, 2013; graduate on February 8, 2015
Third Day Class: Admit on November 18, 2013; graduate on April 10, 2015

The Executive Officer **denied** the program's request for ongoing admission of 30 students per class to replace graduating classes and continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Although the program has demonstrated the resources to support the students requested, the Board requires more data regarding the program's ability to maintain an acceptable licensure examination pass rate before approving ongoing admissions for all classes. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing surveys for continued approval every four (4) years.

8. Nightingale School of Nursing, San Leandro, Vocational Nursing Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Minda Dudley, San Leandro, Alameda County, Private)

A Program Records Survey was completed by Nightingale School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program in October 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer continued full approval for the Nightingale School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2013, through February 28, 2017.

Rationale: The program is in compliance with the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program closely by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

9. Trinity Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Zenaida Mitu, Gardena, Los Angeles County, Private)

Trinity Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 35 students into a part-time class commencing March 2, 2013, and graduating August 17, 2014. The proposed class would **replace** students in the part-time class that graduated January 27, 2013.

The Executive Officer approved the Trinity Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 35 students into a part-time class commencing

March 2, 2013, only, graduating August 17, 2014 - the proposed class will **replace** students who graduated January 27, 2013; and continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each full-time and part-time class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. The Board notes with concern, however, a downward trend in the program's licensure examination pass rate and will be watching that carefully. 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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10. College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Paul Peters, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)

The College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to admit 30 students into a part – time class commencing March 18, 2013, and graduating August 18, 2014. This class will **replace** students that graduated on April 30, 2012.

The Executive Officer approved the College of Nursing and Technology to admit 30 students into a part-time class commencing March 18, 2013, and graduating August 18, 2014. This class will **replace** students that graduated on April 30, 2012; and continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The program's pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the last twelve (12) consecutive quarters. The current average annual pass rate is 86%. The average annual pass rate for the College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program is 12 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Based on these statistics, the class is recommended.

11. Curam College of Nursing – Request to Admit Students (Director: Wayne Williams, Sacramento County, Private)

The Curam College of Nursing program requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing March 18, 2013 with a projected graduation date of December 6, 2013.

The Executive Officer denied Curam College's request to admit a class of 30 students on March 18, 2013 graduating December 6, 2013, to replace the class that will graduate on March 1, 2013; approved the program to admit a class of 20 students on March 18, 2013 **only**, with a projected graduation date of December 6, 2013, replacing students scheduled to graduate on March 1, 2013; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program's first class graduated 17 students in May 2012. Eight (8) of the graduates have taken the licensure examination, to date. Nine (9) graduates have not tested, to date. The Board advises the program to follow-up with the 9 graduates that have not tested and encourage them to take the licensure examination as soon as possible.

The program's quarter pass rate is 50% and the average annual pass rate is **63%**. As such, it is eleven (11) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program previously has been approved for class size of 20 students. With the program's average annual pass rate eleven (11) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate, it is wise to proceed slowly. Additionally, limiting the requested class of 30 students to 20 students, will allow the program to concentrate on those students, employ interventions to ensure that the outgoing class of 18 is ready to take the NCLEX examination and follow up on the first class of nine (9) graduates that have yet to take the licensure examination.

12. Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Admit Students
(Director: Mila Rose Reyes, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into a part-time week-end class, commencing on March 25, 2013; graduating on October 24, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated on March 18, 2013.

The program is also requesting approval to admit 30 students into a full-time, day class commencing on March 4, 2013; graduating February 28, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated December 7, 2012.

Additionally, the program is also requesting to admit 30 students into a part-time, evening class, commencing on March 4, 2013; graduating February 28, 2014, to replace students that graduated January 25, 2013.

The Executive Officer approved Homestead Schools to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on March 4, 2013; graduating on February 28, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated on January 25, 2013; approved the program to admit 30 students into a full-time, day class commencing on March 4, 2012; graduating February 28, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated December 7, 2012; and approved the program to admit 30 students into a part-time, week-end class, commencing on March 25, 2013; graduating October 24, 2014, to **replace** students that will March 18, 2013.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate is **69%**. This is five (5) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Although the program's pass rate is currently within ten (10) percentage points of the state average, the Board will continue to watch the programs trend of licensure pass rates.

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.

13. Mount San Antonio College Psychiatric Technician Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Bruce Nixon, Los Angeles County, Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed by Mt. San Antonio College Psychiatric Technician Program in December 2007. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer continued full approval for the the Mount San Antonio Psychiatric Technician Program for a four-year period from May 14, 2012 through May 13, 2016, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly; continued ongoing admission of two (2) classes per year with 48 students per class to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 45 students yearly in January and June, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Psychiatric Technician Law. 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. Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Bernard Sanchez, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County - Private)

The program director requested to admit three replacement classes, as follows:

A part-time class of 30 students on March 2, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on November 3, 2012. The requested class would graduate on September 30, 2014.

A full-time class of 30 students on April 29, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on October 2, 2012. The requested class would graduate on May 15, 2014.

A full-time class of 30 students on July 17, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on January 15, 2013. That class would graduate on July 30, 2014.

The Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students on March 2, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on November 3, 2012, the

requested class would graduate on September 30, 2014; approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students on April 29, 2013, to replace students who graduated on October 2, 2012. The requested class would graduate on May 15, 2014; **denied** the program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students on July 17, 2013, to replace students who graduated on January 15, 2013, that class would graduate on July 30, 2014; and continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board is concerned about the downward trend of the licensure examination pass rates and will monitor the pass rate closely. The pass rate began to rise during the past two quarters and new pass rate data will be available before the requested class admission on July 17, 2013. The Board can then review the pass rates from the first quarter 2013 to determine if the pass rate continues to improve before approving any further classes.

15. San Diego City College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Closure
(Director: Catherine Shafer, San Diego, San Diego County, Community College)

San Diego City College Vocational Nursing Program notified the Board of the program's closure.

The Executive Officer approved removal of the San Diego City College Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's list of *Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools* effective March 1, 2013.

Effective March 26, 2013

16. Community Based Education & Development College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Closure (Director: Alice Sorrell – Thompson, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)

Community Based Education & Development College Vocational Nursing Program was placed on Provisional Approval on May 20, 2010 for one year due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements specified in California Code of Regulations, Section 2530 (l). The program was required to admit no additional students without the prior approval of the full Board. On May 20, 2011, the Board extended the program's provisional approval for the one – year period from June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012. On May 11, 2012, the Board extended the program's provisional approval for the one-year period from June 1, 2012, through May 31, 2013.

On March 5, 2013, the Board received electronic correspondence from the director indicating that the program's "administration, advisory board, faculty and staff" decided that it would be in everyone's best interest to "voluntarily surrender" the vocational nursing program effective after the March 24, 2013, graduation of the program's one remaining cohort.

The Executive Officer approved removal of the Community Based Education & Development College Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's list of *Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools* effective March 26, 2013.

17. NCP College of Nursing, Hayward, Vocational Nursing Program – Follow-up to February 2013 Board Meeting: Approval of Ongoing Admission Pattern (Director: Felicidad Silva, Alameda County – Private)

On February 22, 2013, the Board approved a pattern of ongoing admissions of full-time classes not to exceed admission of 90 students per year. The Board delegated approval of the configuration of those classes to the Executive Officer after the Board received supporting documentation from the program director regarding availability of clinical facility slots for the requested pattern of admission of three classes of 30 students per class.

The Executive Officer approved ongoing admissions of three full-time classes per year 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 pattern of admissions includes admission of three full-time classes per year with 30 students per class.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

The Executive Officer also noticed NCP College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for the violation of section 2534(a) and (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

Rationale: The program now has sufficient resources to support the proposed students.

The program was in violation of section 2534(a) and (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

Effective April 15, 2013

18. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Karen Hall, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit 30 students into its 15 month, evening, program on July 1, 2013 and graduating on September 30, 2014 to **replace** students that graduated on March 24, 2013.

1. The Executive Officer approved West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a 15 month, evening, July 1, 2013, only; graduating September 30, 2014 to **replace** students that graduated on March 24, 2013; **and**, required the program to continue obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Based on published examination statistics, the program's average annual pass rate is 67%. As such, the average annual pass rate is seven (7) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The most recent quarter pass rate is 89%. Based on the recent quarter pass rate the requested class is recommended.

19. United Education International College, Chula Vista, Vocational Nursing Program Request to Admit Students (Director: Angelia Monroy, Chula Vista, San Diego County, Private)

The United Education International College, Chula Vista, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a full – time class commencing June 17, 2013, and graduating July 25, 2014.

1. The Executive Officer approved United Education International, Chula Vista, Vocational Nursing Program to admit 30 students into a full – time class commencing June 17, 2013, only; graduating July 25, 2014; **and**,
2. Required the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Rationale: There are eight (8) quarters of licensure data available for the program. Of the eight (8) quarters, the first five (5) quarters were 29 to 36 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. The most recent three (3) quarters demonstrate a significant improvement in the licensure pass rates. The most current average annual pass rate is 73%. This is **one (1)** percentage point **below** the state average annual pass rate. As such, the requested class is recommended.

20. Saint Joseph's School of Nursing (formerly Joseph's School of Nursing) Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Adeniki Joseph – Lancaster, Lancaster County, Private)

A Program Records Survey was completed for the Saint Joseph's School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program in January 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

1. The Executive Officer approved continued full approval for the Saint Joseph's School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from February 4, 2013, through February 3, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and**,
2. Continued to require the program to request Board approval prior to each class admission.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rates have fallen significantly over the last two (2) quarters. The current average annual pass rate is **33%**. This is **41** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Prior to the most recent decline in pass rates the program exhibited licensure pass rates from 73% to 89% during quarters one (1) of 2011 through quarter three (3) of 2012. The director was advised to identify the cause of the

recent decline in licensure pass rates. The Board will continue to monitor the program's licensure pass rates.

21. Prime Career College, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Marivic Aquino, Pomona, San Bernardino County, Private)

The Prime Career College Vocational Nursing Program is requesting approval to admit 30 students into the full-time, day, class on April 22, 2013, with a projected graduation on June 6, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated on September 30, 2012. The Executive Officer:

1. Approved Prime Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into the full-time, day, class on April 22, 2013, only, with a projected graduation on June 6, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated on September 30, 2012.
2. Required the director to submit a written report by May 31, 2013 relative to the program's identification of cause(s) of the recent decline in the programs licensure pass rates and a plan of correction to bring the pass rates up.
3. Continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Over the last five (5) quarters the average annual pass rate has steadily **decreased**. In Quarter 3 of 2011 the program's average annual pass rate was 88%. Currently the program's average annual pass rate is **57%**. This is 17 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The programs most current two (2) consecutive quarters are more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. Based on the steady decline in pass rates, the program needs to identify the cause(s) of the decline and create a plan to increase the licensure pass rates.

Currently 31 students are enrolled in classes at Prime Career College. Of the 31 students, 22 will graduate in June 2013 and the remaining 9 students will graduate in September 2013.

22. Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Katey Sixsmith, San Diego, San Diego County, Private)

The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted. The Executive Officer:

1. Approved continued full approval for the Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from February 3, 2013, through February 2, 2017, and issue a certificate accordingly.
2. Continued ongoing admission of 30 students into the Part-time program to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students three (3) times per year in the January, May and September, 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 compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program meets the requirements of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

23. Community Enhancement Services College, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Oleg Khilkevich, Burbank, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Community Enhancement Services College Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a class of 30 full-time, evening students commencing on May 13, 2013, graduating August 31, 2014. The Executive Officer:

1. Approve Community Enhancement Services College's request to admit a class of 30 full-time, day students commencing on May 13, 2013, only; graduating August 31, 2014. 2012.
2. Require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: Eight (8) quarters of licensure data is available for the program. The data available is based on the program's first (1st) two (2) graduating classes. All but two (2) graduates from these classes have taken the licensure examination. The program's third (3rd) class of 16, graduated in December 2012. Licensure data for these graduates is not expected until approximately quarter two (2) or three (3) 2013.

During quarter one (1) of 2012, the program's average annual pass fell from 78% to 57%. It is important to note, no candidates tested in quarter three (3) of 2011. Since that time, the program's pass rates have risen to 67%. This is seven (7) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. Based on the increase in licensure pass rates the requested class is recommended. Currently, 49 students are enrolled in classes. The Board will continue to monitor the program's licensure pass rates.

24. American Career College, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Brigid Barrett, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

American Career College, Ontario, Campus, Vocational Nursing program requested approval to admit students into six (6) classes as listed below.

The Executive Officer approved the following:

1. Full – time, day, class of 60 students on May 13, 2013. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for May 9, 2014. This class would **replace** students graduating on May 10, 2013; **and**,
2. Full – time, day, class of 60 students on August 12, 2013. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for August 8, 2014. This class would **replace** students graduating on August 9, 2013; **and**,
3. **Part - time** class of 50 students on September 9, 2013. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for March 16, 2015. This class would **replace** students graduating on April 16, 2013; **and**,
4. Full – time, day, class of 60 students on November 11, 2013. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for November 7, 2014. This class would **replace** students graduating on November 8, 2013; **and**,
5. Full – time, day, class of 60 students on February 10, 2014. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for February 6, 2015. This class would **replace** students graduating on February 7, 2013; **and**,
6. **Part - time** class of 50 students on March 10, 2014. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for September 14, 2015. This class would **replace** students graduating on September 17, 2013.

The program's average annual pass rates are slightly above the state average annual pass rate. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 78%. As such it is four (4) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Therefore, the requested classes are recommended.