

# Agenda Item #11.D.6.



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DATE: August 28, 2013

TO: Board Members

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SUBJECT: Valley School of Allied Health, Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Jones, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)

On September 16, 2010, the Board placed Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program on provisional accreditation<sup>1</sup> for the two-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012. Further, the Board rescinded approval for the program's ongoing admissions and required the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

On September 6, 2012, the Board **extended** provisional approval of the Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program for the two-year period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2014. These actions were taken due to the program's noncompliance with California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (I).

The program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 20 students on September 16, 2013, graduating October 20, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated July 15, 2013.

### History of Prior Board Actions

(See attachment A, History of Prior Board Actions)

### Enrollment

The program offers a full-time class that is 54 weeks in length and a part-time class that is 90 weeks in length. Prior Board approval is required for the admission of all students. The pattern of admissions for current classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

The following table represents **current and proposed** student enrollment based on class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 59 students** for the period from **February 2011 through October 2013**.

<b>ENROLLMENT DATA</b>				
<b>CLASS DATES</b>		<b>#Students Admitted</b>	<b>#Students Current or Completed</b>	<b>Total Enrolled</b>
<b>Start</b>	<b>Completed</b>			
2/11		10	10	<b>10</b>
5/11		9	10	10 + 10 = <b>20</b>
8/11	9/12	18	14	20 + 14 = <b>34</b>
11/11		14	14	34 + 14 = <b>48</b>
4/12		10	11	48 + 11 = <b>59</b>
	6/12 (2/11 Class)		-10	59 - 10 = <b>49</b>
	6/12 (5/11 Class)		-10	49 - 10 = <b>39</b>
6/12		11	11	39 + 11 = <b>50</b>
	9/12 (8/11 Class)		-14	50 - 14 = <b>36</b>
9/12		17	17	36 + 17 = <b>53</b>
	12/12 (11/11 Class)		-14	53 - 14 = <b>39</b>
5/13	6/14	20		39 + 20 = <b>59</b>
	5/13 (4/12 Class)		-11	59 - 11 = <b>48</b>
	7/13 (6/12 Class)		-11	48 - 11 = <b>37</b>
9/13 <b>Proposed</b>	10/14	20		37 + 20 = <b>57</b>
	10/13 (9/12 Class)		-17	57 - 17 = <b>40</b>

### **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 July 2008 through June 2013, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of Valley School of Allied Health 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 State Average Annual Pass Rate
Jul – Sep 2008	5	2	<b>40%</b>	70%	<b>56%</b>	74%	<b>-18</b>
Oct – Dec 2008	2	0	<b>0%</b>	73%	<b>45%</b>	73%	<b>-28</b>
Jan – Mar 2009	7	4	<b>57%</b>	70%	<b>50%</b>	72%	<b>-22</b>
Apr – Jun 2009	9	4	<b>44%</b>	71%	<b>43%</b>	70%	<b>-27</b>
Jul – Sep 2009	16	9	<b>56%</b>	74%	<b>50%</b>	72%	<b>-22</b>
Oct – Dec 2009	16	5	<b>31%</b>	76%	<b>46%</b>	73%	<b>-27</b>
Jan – Mar 2010	14	7	<b>50%</b>	76%	<b>46%</b>	74%	<b>-28</b>
Apr – Jun 2010	7	5	71%	74%	<b>49%</b>	75%	<b>-26</b>
Jul - Sep 2010	13	8	<b>62%</b>	76%	<b>50%</b>	75%	<b>-25</b>
Oct – Dec 2010	17	9	<b>53%</b>	77%	<b>57%</b>	76%	<b>-19</b>
Jan - Mar 2011	12	8	<b>67%</b>	80%	<b>61%</b>	77%	<b>-16</b>
Apr – Jun 2011	2	2	100%	71%	<b>61%</b>	76%	<b>-15</b>
Jul – Sep 2011	11	8	73%	74%	<b>64%</b>	76%	<b>-12</b>
Oct – Dec 2011	14	10	71%	74%	72%	75%	-3
Jan – Mar 2012	19	10	<b>53%</b>	77%	65%	74%	-9
Apr – Jun 2012	7	3	<b>43%</b>	72%	<b>61%</b>	74%	<b>-13</b>
Jul – Sep 2012	16	9	<b>56%</b>	74%	<b>57%</b>	74%	<b>-17</b>
Oct – Dec 2012	5	3	60%	70%	<b>53%</b>	74%	<b>-21</b>
Jan – Mar 2013	16	13	81%	75%	64%	73%	-9
Apr – Jun 2013	9	2	<b>22%</b>	78%	<b>59%</b>	73%	<b>-14</b>

\*The Annual Pass Rate changes every quarter. It is calculated by dividing the number of candidates who passed during the current and previous three quarters by the number of candidates who tested during the same period. If no data is available for the relevant period, the statistic is carried over from the last quarter for which data is available.

Based on the most current data available (April through June 2013), the program's average annual pass rate is **59%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time is 73%. The average annual pass rate for Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program is **14** percentage points **below** 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 total number of Board-approved faculty is 18, including the program director. The director has 100% administrative duties. Two (2) faculty members are adjunct faculty and one (1) is a teacher assistant. Of the total faculty, eleven (11) are approved to teach in the clinical area.

For a maximum enrollment of 59 students, four (4) instructors are needed for clinical instruction. 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. This information has been verified by the consultant.

## **Other Considerations**

On September 16, 2010, the Board placed the program on provisional approval for a two (2) year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 49%. Further, the program's average annual pass rates had been more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates for eight (8) consecutive quarters.

On September 6, 2012, the Board **extended** provisional approval of Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program for the two-year period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2014. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 61%, an improvement of 12 percentage points since placement on provisional approval. On September 19, 2012, the Board forwarded to the Director the Notice of Change of Approval Status (see Attachment B).

On June 10, 2013, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis from the program director and two (2) copies and a CD of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desired the Board members to consider. The following elements were identified (see Attachment C):

➤ **Admission and Screening and Selection Criteria.**

Remain unchanged since June 29, 2011, when they were revised to increase student success.

➤ **Terminal, Theory, Clinical and Curriculum, Objectives.**

Remain unchanged. However, the faculty is reviewing these and the conceptual framework in order to determine if change is needed.

➤ **Instructional Plan.**

Remains unchanged. No problems found.

➤ **Lesson Plans.**

Currently being reviewed and updated.

➤ **Textbooks.**

Texts for terms 1 & 2 were changed to Textbook of Basic Nursing.

➤ **Attendance Policy.**

Changed on June 29, 2011. No problems identified since then.

➤ **Remediation Policy.**

Remains unchanged.

➤ **Evaluations.**

Correlation of theory to clinical was evaluated and improvements made and submitted on June 27, 2012.

➤ **Student Achievement.**

Evaluated every term and as needed.

➤ **Current Enrollment.**

Currently three (3) classes are in session for a total of 52 students.

➤ **Review Course.**

Mandatory nine (9) week review course is being offered after graduation. Graduates' applications for licensure are submitted after they have attended one (1) week of the review course.

➤ **Pre-requisite Course.**

Established in the event of future classes.

➤ **Student Centered Learning.**

Students present designated topics assigned by the instructor. The instructor facilitates these presentations. This occurs in Terms 3 & 4 only.

**Recommendations:**

1. Deny Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on September 16, 2013, only, graduating October 20, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated July 15, 2012.
2. Require the program to obtain approval by the Full Board prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** On September 16, 2010, the Board placed the program on provisional approval for a two (2) year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate **was 49%**. On September 6, 2012, the Board **extended** provisional approval of Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program for an additional two-year period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2014. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 61%, an improvement of 12 percentage points since placement on provisional approval.

Twelve (12) quarters (3 years) of licensure data are available since the program was originally placed on Provisional Approval. Three (3) of the 12 quarters were within ten (10) percentage points of state average annual pass rates, Quarter four (4) of 2011, Quarter one (1) of 2012 and Quarter 1 2013.

The current quarter pass rate is **22%** and the average annual pass rate is **59%**. It is concerning that of the nine (9) graduates that tested during the most recent quarter, seven (7) of the nine (9) are 2012 graduates. Of the nine (9) 2012 graduates that tested during this quarter, two (2) passed and seven (7) failed. Based on this data, denial of the requested class is recommended.

Seventeen (17) students are currently enrolled in classes. Two (2) classes graduated in 2013. One (1) class in May and one (1) class in July. Each of these classes graduated eleven (11) students. It is expected these graduates will test in Quarters three (3) and four (4) of 2013.

Attachment A: History of Prior Board Action

Attachment B: Notice of Change in Approval Status Dated September 19, 2012.

Attachment C: Program Correspondence Dated May 30, 2013; Received June 10, 2013.

# **Agenda Item #11.D.6., Attachment A**

## **Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program**

### **History of Prior Board Actions:**

- On November 2, 2006, the Executive Officer approved Valley School of Allied Health's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 15 students commencing November 27, 2006, only. The Board approved the program curriculum for 1,566 hours, including 605 theory and 961 clinical hours.
- In November 2006, the Executive Officer approved a postponement of the starting date for the first class from November 27, 2006 until January 8, 2007. The graduation date of this initial class will be February 1, 2008.
- On October 22, 2007, the Executive Officer approved full accreditation for Valley School of Allied Health, Vocational Nursing Program for the period October 22, 2007, through October 21, 2011, and issued a certificate accordingly.

The Executive Officer approved an additional full-time class of 20 students to start on November 12, 2007, with an expected graduation date of November 26, 2008. The Board also approved a full-time class of 20 students to start on February 25, 2008, with an expected graduation date of March 13, 2009.

The Executive Officer postponed action on the approval of additional full-time class requests for May 27, 2008; August 27, 2008; and December 8, 2008, pending demonstration of sufficient clinical facilities to afford the number, type, and variety of patients that will provide clinical experience consistent with competency-based objectives and the theory being taught; adequate numbers of instructors for the proposed increase in student enrollment; and demonstration of student success on the NCLEX-PN® licensure examination.

- On May 21, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 20 students on May 27, 2008, only, with an anticipated graduation date of June 12, 2009.
- On August 13, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 20 students on September 2, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of October 2, 2009. The Bureau also approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on December 8, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of January 22, 2010.

- On October 8, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 20 students on October 14, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of July 13, 2010. The effect of approving this request will be a pattern of admissions consisting of four (4) full-time classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes, and one (1) part-time class every 18 months, to **replace** graduating classes.

The Valley School of Allied Health was approved 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 approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of three full-time classes of 30 students per year.
  - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On August 19, 2009, the program was notified that its pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for the past four (4) quarters. A written plan for improving the program's NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> was requested to be submitted by September 19, 2009.
  - On September 21, 2009, the Board received the program's written plan for improving program pass rates.
  - On December 29, 2009, the program was notified that its pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for the past five (5) quarters.
  - On January 26, 2010, the program was notified that its pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for the past six (6) quarters. The program was requested to submit documentation verifying implementation of the plan of correction submitted on September 21, 2009.
  - On February 10, 2010, the program submitted a plan of correction to improve the program pass rates on the NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> licensure examination.
  - On May 20, 2010, the program submitted requested documentation.
  - On August 5, 2010, the Board forwarded correspondence per certified and regular mail notifying the program that the program had been placed on the September 16, 2010 Board agenda for consideration of placement on provisional accreditation. The program was requested to complete and submit a current and projected enrollment form, list of current faculty, list of clinical facilities to which students are assigned, and effects of actions the program has taken to improve student pass rates by August 12, 2010.

- On August 12, 2010, the program submitted all requested documents related to the August 5, 2010 request.
- On September 16, 2010, the Board placed Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program on provisional accreditation for the two-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012, and issued 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; **and** required the program to submit a follow-up report in 10 and 22 months but no later than July 1, 2011. The report 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. 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.

The Board rescinded approval for the program's ongoing admissions. The program is required to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board. The program is 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. The Board placed the program on the September 2012 Board agenda for reconsideration of the program's provisional accreditation.

- On October 14, 2010, the Executive Officer 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 to require the program to request Board approval prior to the admission of additional classes.

- On December 21, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit 20 students on February 28, 2011, graduating 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.
- On April 21, 2011, the Executive Officer approved Valley School of Allied Health's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on May 16, 2011, graduating June 12, 2012, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate May 13, 2011; and, require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.
- On July 6, 2011, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis.
- On August 19, 2011, the Executive Officer approved Valley School of Allied Health request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on August 22, 2011, graduating September 22, 2012, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate August 12, 2011; and, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.
- On November 21, 2011, the Executive Officer approved Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on November 28, 2011, graduating January 10, 2013, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate November 18, 2011; **and**, required the program to submit a written plan identifying a time table to perform evaluations of each instructor's theory and clinical presentations by December 22, 2011; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.
- On December 19, 2011, the program submitted the plan to evaluate instructor performance as required.
- On April 16, 2012, the Executive Officer approved Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on April 16, 2012, only, graduating May 15, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated March 9, 2011; and, approved the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.
- On May 30, 2012, the Executive Officer approved Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on June 11, 2012 only, graduating July 20, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated June 8, 2012; and, require the program to continue to obtain approval by the Board prior to the admission of future classes.
- On September 6, 2012, the Board **extended** provisional approval of Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program for the two-year period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2014, and issue 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; **and**, approved Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on September 10, 2012, only, graduating October 20, 2013, to **replace** students who will graduate September 7, 2012; **and**, required the program 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; **and**, required the program to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violation. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's accreditation; **and**, required the program to show documented progress by submitting a follow-up report in nine (9) months, but no later than **June 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **June 1, 2014**. The report 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 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; **and**,

required the program 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; and, advised the program that failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval; **and**, continue the program's requirement to obtain approval by the Board prior to the admission of future classes.

- On December 6, 2012, the Executive Officer **denied** Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on January 7, 2013, graduating February 10, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated December 7, 2012; and, required the program to obtain approval by the Full Board prior to the admission of future classes.

- On March 11, 2013, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of two (2) copies and a CD or Flash Drive of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
- On March 28, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the program director and two (2) copies and a CD of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.
- On May 10, 2013, the Board approved Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on May 14, 2013, only, graduating June 15, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated December 7, 2012; **and**, required the program to obtain approval by the Full Board prior to the admission of future classes.
- On June 5, 2013, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of two (2) copies and a CD or Flash Drive of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
- On June 10, 2013, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis from the program director and two (2) copies and a CD of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.

# Agenda Item #11.D.6., Attachment B



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## ***CERTIFIED MAIL***

September 19, 2012

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### ***Subject: Notice of Change in Approval Status***

Dear Ms. Jones:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on September 6, 2012, the provisional approval status of the Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program has been extended for the two (2) year period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2014.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the areas of non-compliance found and the corrections required of your program to avoid losing approval completely.

Once you have reviewed this letter, please sign and return the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Change in Approval Status" form by **Friday, September 28, 2012**.

### **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..."

The program pass rates of the Valley College of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program for the past sixteen (16) 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
Jul - Sep 2008	74%	56%	-18
Oct - Dec 2008	73%	45%	-28
Jan - Mar 2009	72%	50%	-22
Apr - Jun 2009	70%	43%	-27
Jul - Sep 2009	72%	50%	-22
Oct - Dec 2009	73%	46%	-27
Jan - Mar 2010	74%	46%	-28
Apr - Jun 2010	75%	49%	-25
Jul - Sep 2010	75%	50%	-25
Oct - Dec 2010	76%	57%	-19
Jan - Mar 2011	77%	61%	-16
Apr - Jun 2011	76%	61%	-15
Jul - Sep 2011	74%	64%	-10
Oct - Dec 2011	75%	72%	-3
Jan - Mar 2012	74%	65%	-9
Apr - Jun 2012	74%	61%	-13

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

**REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)**

1. The Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program shall 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.
2. The program shall demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violation. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
3. The program shall obtain approval by the Board prior to the admission of future classes.
4. The program shall show documented progress by submitting a follow-up report in nine (9) months, but no later than **June 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **June 1, 2014**. The report 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 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.
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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.
5. The program shall comply with all approval standards in article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code section 2880, and article 5 of the Board's regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2526.
  6. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
  7. In the event additional violations of the approval standards are identified, such violations may result in further corrective action or revocation of provisional approval.

#### FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **September 2014** Board Meeting agenda for reconsideration of your approval status. If you have additional information that you wish considered beyond the required corrections listed on pages 2 and 3, you must submit this documentation by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to the 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: **Based on the above corrections, Board approval is required prior to the admission of future classes.**

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 approval, 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 approval 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](http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Bello-Jones", written in a cursive style.

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

Enclosure

cc: Board Members

TBJ: ph



**TITLE 16**  
**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS**

**2526.1. Provisional Approval.**

- (a) Provisional accreditation means a program has not met all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Chapter 6.5, Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (b) Provisional accreditation shall be granted for a period determined by the Board.
- (c) 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. If the program has not met all requirements at the end of the initial provisional accreditation period, provisional accreditation may be extended if the program demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board a good faith effort to correct all deficiencies.
- (d) 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.
- (e) A program placed on provisional accreditation shall receive written notification from the Board. The notification to the program shall include specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction. A program's failure to correct delineated areas of noncompliance is cause for revocation of provisional accreditation.
- (f) A material misrepresentation of fact by a vocational nursing program in any information submitted to the Board is cause for revocation of provisional accreditation.
- (g) A program whose provisional accreditation has been revoked shall be removed from the Board's list of accredited programs. The status of students as potential applicants for licensure will be determined by the Board.
- (h) A program that is removed from the Board's list of accredited programs subsequent to Board action based on the program's non-compliance with applicable regulations shall not reapply to establish a vocational nursing program for a minimum period of one calendar year.



## **CERTIFIED MAIL**

September 19, 2012

Norma Jones, B.S., R.N.  
Director, Vocational Nursing Program  
Valley School of Allied Health  
18107 Sherman Way, Suite 101  
Reseda, CA 91335

**Subject: Board Meeting Follow – Up**

Dear Ms. Jones:

The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) considered the consultant's report relative to **Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students**, at its September 6, 2012 meeting.

Decisions rendered by the Board included, but were not limited to, the following:

1. Approve the program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on September 10, 2012, only, graduating October 20, 2013, to **replace** students who will graduate September 7, 2012.
2. Require the program to obtain approval by the Board prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate is **61%** and the most recent quarter pass rate is **40%**. The average annual pass rate represents a **decrease** of eleven (11) percentage points from Quarter 4 2011 and a decrease of four (4) percentage points from Quarter 1 2012.

The director verbalized that many changes have been implemented and she feels the most significant problem relates to students failing to take the licensure examination quickly upon completion of the program. Students, who recently graduated, attended a newly developed NCLEX review course. The director is optimistic that these graduates will do well on the licensure examination.

Extending the provisional approval for two (2) years will allow the director to continue to implement and evaluate the changes reported. Additionally, eight (8) more quarters of licensure data will be available

to assess the effects of the reported changes and their impact on graduate's performance.

The program has demonstrated possession of sufficient resources for the proposed student population. 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.

The *Notice of Provisional Approval* is enclosed. This document identifies specific areas of noncompliance and required corrections. It is recommended that you review this document in its entirety. Additionally, the program's *Certificate of Provisional Approval* is enclosed. These documents should be retained in your official files. The attached Acknowledgement Form should be completed and returned by **Friday, September 28, 2012.**

Please contact the Board should further clarification be needed.

Sincerely,



**CHERYL C. ANDERSON, M.S., R.N.**  
Supervising Nursing Education Consultant

Enclosures



**DATE:** September 19, 2012

**TO:** Education Division

**FROM:** Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program

**SUBJECT:** *Acknowledgement of Receipt of Board Meeting Follow - Up Materials*

I, hereby acknowledge receipt of the following documents with attachments memorializing Board decisions rendered at the September 6, 2012 Board Meeting.

➤ ***Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program.***

1. Correspondence Documenting Board Decisions
2. *Notice of Provisional Approval.*
3. California Code of Regulations Excerpt Section 2526.1. Provisional Approval.
4. *Certificate of Provisional Approval.*

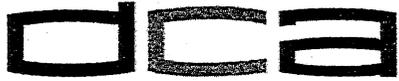
Please sign and fax the ***Acknowledgement of Receipt of Board Meeting Materials*** to the Board at (916) 263-7866 by Friday, September 28, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature, Director)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete this form and fax to the Board at  
(916) 263-7866 by Friday, September 28, 2012.***



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**CERTIFICATE OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL**

for

***Valley School of Allied Health  
Vocational Nursing Program***

This document reflects that the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) has provisionally approved the above-named program pursuant to Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations. A copy of documents related to the provisional approval may be obtained by contacting the Board at the address above. A candidate's completion of an approved vocational nursing program is partial fulfillment of requirements for the vocational nurse licensure examination.

**Effective: September 6, 2012**

Todd D'Braunstein, P.T.  
President



**Expires: September 30, 2014**

Teresa Bello-Jones  
Executive Officer



# VALLEY SCHOOL of ALLIED HEALTH

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May 30, 2013

Ms. Pam Hinckley, RN, MSN  
Nursing Education Consultant  
Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technicians  
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive – Suite 205  
Sacramento, CA 935833-2945

Dear Ms. Hinckley,

The following is the nine-month follow-up of Valley School of Allied Health regarding the progress in the correction of violations.

- A. Admission criteria.  
The admission criteria remains the same as 6-29-11.
- B. Screening and selection criteria.  
The criteria has been changed and reflects the criteria submitted 6-29-11.
- C. Terminal Objectives / Educational Outcomes.  
The criteria remains the same. However, the faculty is currently reviewing the theory and clinical objectives for each level of the program, and the Educational Outcomes, along with the conceptual framework. Once completed they will be submitted for BVNPT approval.
- D. Curriculum objectives.  
The objectives remain the same.
- E. Instructional Plan.  
The plan remains the same.
- F. Theory and Clinical Objectives for each course.  
Currently remain the same.
- G. Lesson Plans for each course.  
Currently being reviewed and updated.

H. Textbooks.

The textbook for Term 1 and Term 2 has been changed to:

Textbook of Basic Nursing

Caroline Bunker Rosdahl, Mary T. Kowalski

10<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2012; Walters Kluwer Health / Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

The textbook for Term 3 and Term 4 remains the same:

Adult Health Nursing

Barbara Lauritsen Christensen, RN MS

I. Attendance.

The attendance policy remains the same as 6-29-11.

J. Remediation Policy.

The remediation policy remains the same.

K. Evaluation of theory and clinical faculty.

The evaluation of faculty remains the same as submitted 6-27-12.

L. Evaluation of Theory Presentation.

Students evaluate theory presentation every term. They evaluate both the instructor and the curriculum presented.

M. Evaluation of clinical rotation and their correlation to theory presentation.

Evaluation remains the same as submitted 6-27-12.

N. Evaluation of student achievement.

Students are evaluated at the end of every term and on a prn basis.

O. Current enrollment information.

VSAH, currently has three classes with a total enrollment of 52 students.

Term 1 – 20 (May 13, 2013 start)

Term 2 – 5 (no class start for previous Term 1, January 7, 2013). Students: Are those who failed from September 10, 2012 and June 11, 2012 class starts.

Term 3 - 14 (September 10, 2012 start)

Term 4 - 13 (June 11, 2012 start)

## **New Action Plan**

### Student – Centered Learning

In Term 3 and Term 4 we are using Student – Centered Learning in a modified form. The instructor assigns individuals or groups a certain presentation of the lecture for the day. The instructor becomes the facilitator and resource person. This type of learning places more responsibility on the student who becomes more active and less passive. The students may use power-point presentation, role-playing, question-answer, class discussion, etc. in the presentation.

The students have complained about the amount of time and effort involved in preparation but they also see the advantages and they find they have more of a desire for learning.

Each class will be evaluated at the end of the term and also, students will evaluate there thoughts, feelings and the learning process.

If you have any questions, please call me at: 805-368-9922.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Jones, MPH, RN  
Director