

# BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

# EDUCATION DIVISION

# Program Approval

(Previously known as Program “Accreditation”)

VN §2526 & PT §2581

- Pursuant to Senate Bill 539, Chapter 338, the term program “**accreditation**” was changed to program “**approval**”.
- There was no change to the Board’s authority or jurisdiction.
- The law became effective January 1, 2012.

# Program Hours Required for Approval

## ☐ VN Programs

### ■ Theory

- ☐ Must have a minimum of 576 hours
- ☐ Must include a minimum of 54 hours in Pharmacology

### ■ Clinical

- ☐ A minimum of 954 hours

## ☐ PT Programs

### ■ Theory

- ☐ Must have a minimum of 576 hours
- ☐ Must include all of the following:
  - A minimum of 54 hours in Pharmacology; and
  - A minimum of 126 hours of Nursing Science; and
  - A minimum of 108 hours related to Developmental Disabilities; and
  - A minimum of 108 hours related to Mental Disorders

### ■ Clinical

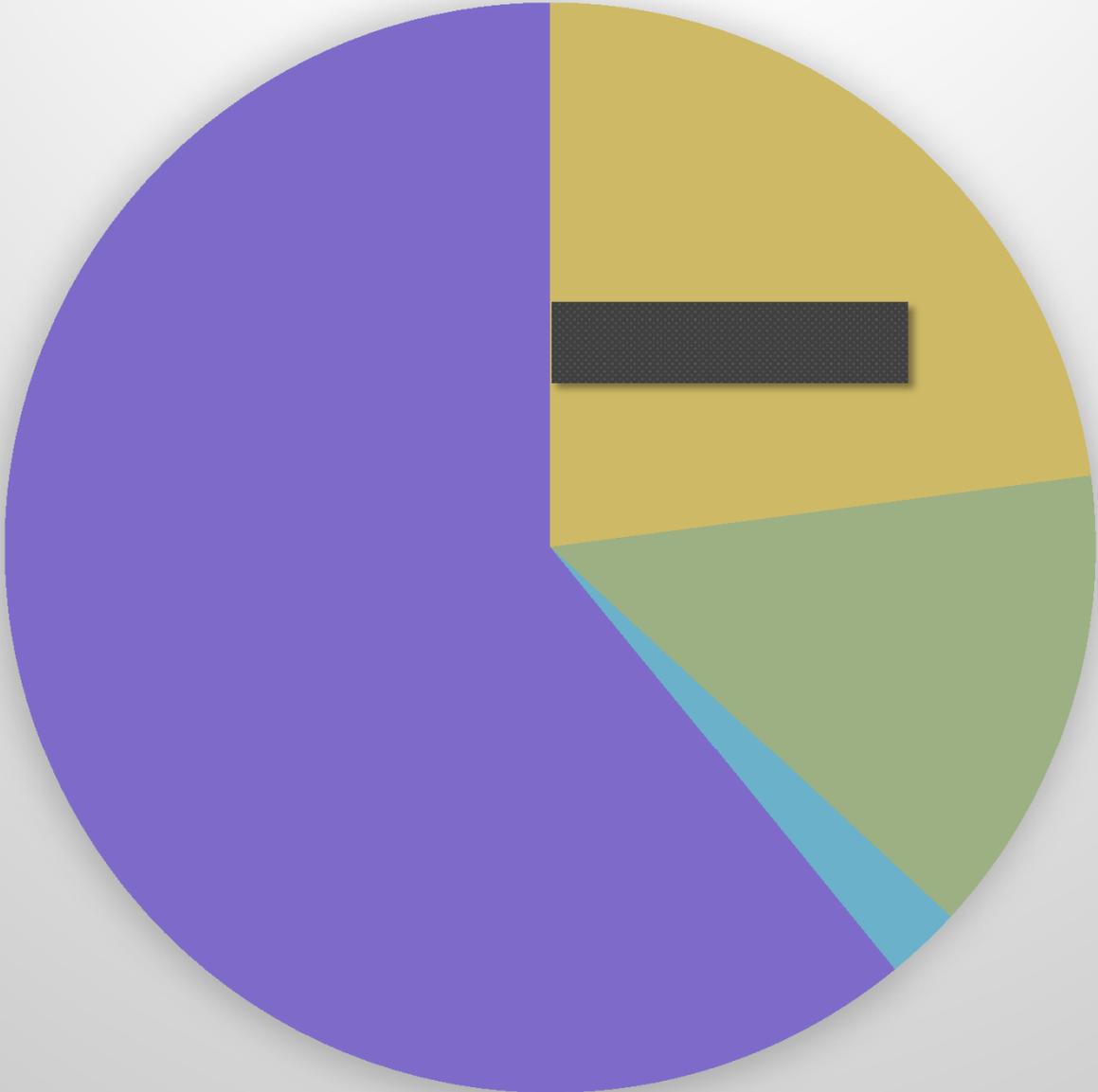
- ☐ Must have a minimum of 954 hours including:
- ☐ a minimum of 270 hours each related to:
  - Nursing Science,
  - Developmental Disabilities; and
  - Mental Disorders

# PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION PER CLASSIFICATION

Vocational Nursing Program

# VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAMS

## Distribution Per Classification



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# PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION PER CLASSIFICATION

Psychiatric Technician Programs



**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL**

# Provisional Approval

VN §2526.1 & PT §2581.1

- ❑ Denotes program noncompliance with applicable statutes and/or regulations
- ❑ Board may place any program on provisional when that program fails to meet all requirements
- ❑ Prior to placement on provisional approval the program is advised of identified areas of noncompliance and the required corrections needed
- ❑ While the program is on provisional approval Board staff work with the program to facilitate compliance

# Review of Provisional Approval Status

- ❑ Prior to the expiration date for provisional approval, program will be placed on the Board's agenda for reconsideration
- ❑ After reconsideration, the Board may:
  - Return the program's status to full approval.
  - Extend the program's provisional approval period.
  - Revoke the program's approval.
- ❑ If the program's approval is revoked, remaining students are eligible to apply for licensure through equivalency.

# PROVISIONAL APPROVAL

Program Status

**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL STATUS**  
**Vocational Nursing Programs**  
2014



# ▣ NEW PROGRAMS

# New Programs

VN §2883 & PT §4532

- ▣ New programs
  - Proposed programs must demonstrate compliance with applicable laws in order to be presented to the EO for “pre-approval”
  - NEC works with the program director to assure all required elements are included in the proposal

## New Programs, continued...

- Once a program is compliant with applicable statutes and regulations, a report will be prepared for the EO addressing the following elements:
  - the date of program commencement;
  - the maximum number of students to be admitted to the first class, and
  - the proposed curriculum, including hours per content area

# New Programs, continued...

- The assigned NEC will present a report to the EO. If the program is compliant with all requirements, the EO will authorize “pre-approval” status allowing the program to admit its initial class of students.
- After the program begins, but before the first class graduates, a complete assessment of the program will be completed.
- **Mandatory vs. Permissive Site Visits for Assessment**
  - Before SB 539, the Board was required to do a site visit before approving a new program.
  - SB 539 allowed the Board to utilize a site visit or review of paper documentation to assess new programs.

## New Programs, continued...

- Following assessment of the program:
  - A report is prepared and presented to the Board/EO.
  - If compliance is demonstrated, the program is granted “approval” for a period of four years.
  
- The approved program is issued a “*Certificate of Approval*” signed by the Board President and Executive Officer.

# ▣ APPROVED PROGRAM INSPECTION

# Approved Program Inspection

- ▣ Programs:
  - May be inspected at any time to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements
  - Must be inspected at least every four years.
- ▣ Inspection may be done by:
  - Site Visit, and/or
  - Review of paper documentation (Program Records Survey)
- ▣ To achieve “Continued Approval”
  - Program must demonstrate compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

# Program Records Survey

- ❑ Document is based on requirements delineated in Article 5 of the VN/PT Rules and Regulations
- ❑ Sent to program directors via email by the assigned NEC
- ❑ In response, the director must:
  - analyze each element of the program, and
  - submit documentation verifying the program's compliance with applicable regulations
- ❑ Subsequently, the NEC will:
  - Analyze submitted information and materials in the school's file maintained by the Board
  - Prepare a report based on results of the analysis to present to the EO/Board.

# Licensure Examination Data

## VN §2530(I) & PT §2585(I)

- Exam results are reported quarterly by exam vendors:
  - VN – Pearson Vue
  - PT – PSI
- Vendor reports are reviewed for accuracy against the DCA Applicant Tracking System data
- Annual pass rates for programs are monitored by NECs to determine program compliance with regulatory requirements.

# Calculation of Annual Pass Rates

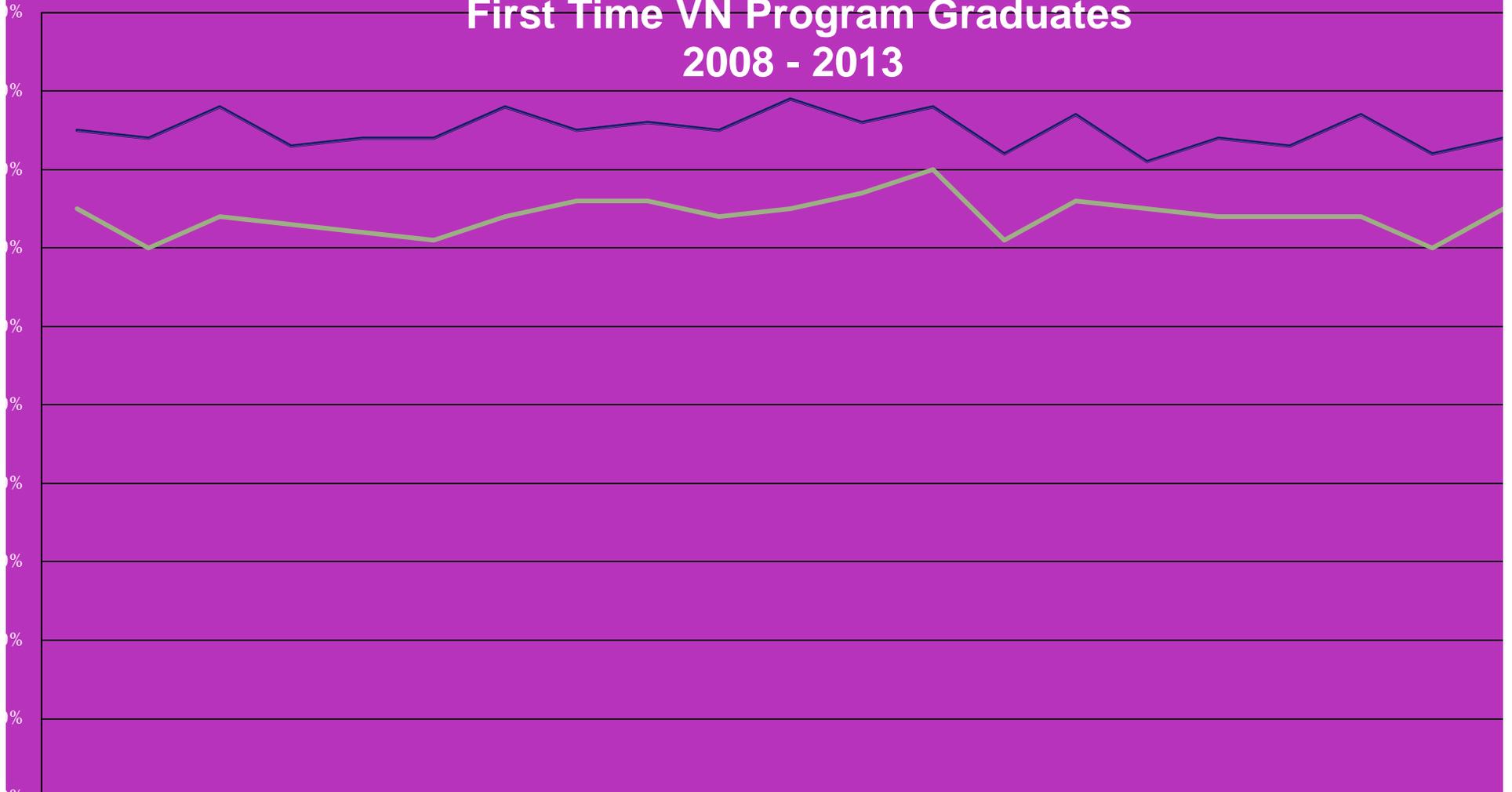
- ❑ VN annual pass rates are calculated by NCSBN and reported in its quarterly report
- ❑ Pass rates are adjusted by NECs when errors are identified in the NCSBN report, e.g. a candidate uses an incorrect school code
- ❑ PT annual pass rates are manually calculated by NECs
- ❑ Formula for calculating annual pass rate:
  - Review results for the current reporting period and previous 3 quarters
  - Divide # of graduates who passed by the # of graduates who tested to obtain percentage of graduates passing the exam
  - Annual pass rate changes every reporting period

# LICENSURE EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

*Per Program Classification*

# NCLEX/PN STATISTICAL COMPARISON

## First Time VN Program Graduates 2008 - 2013

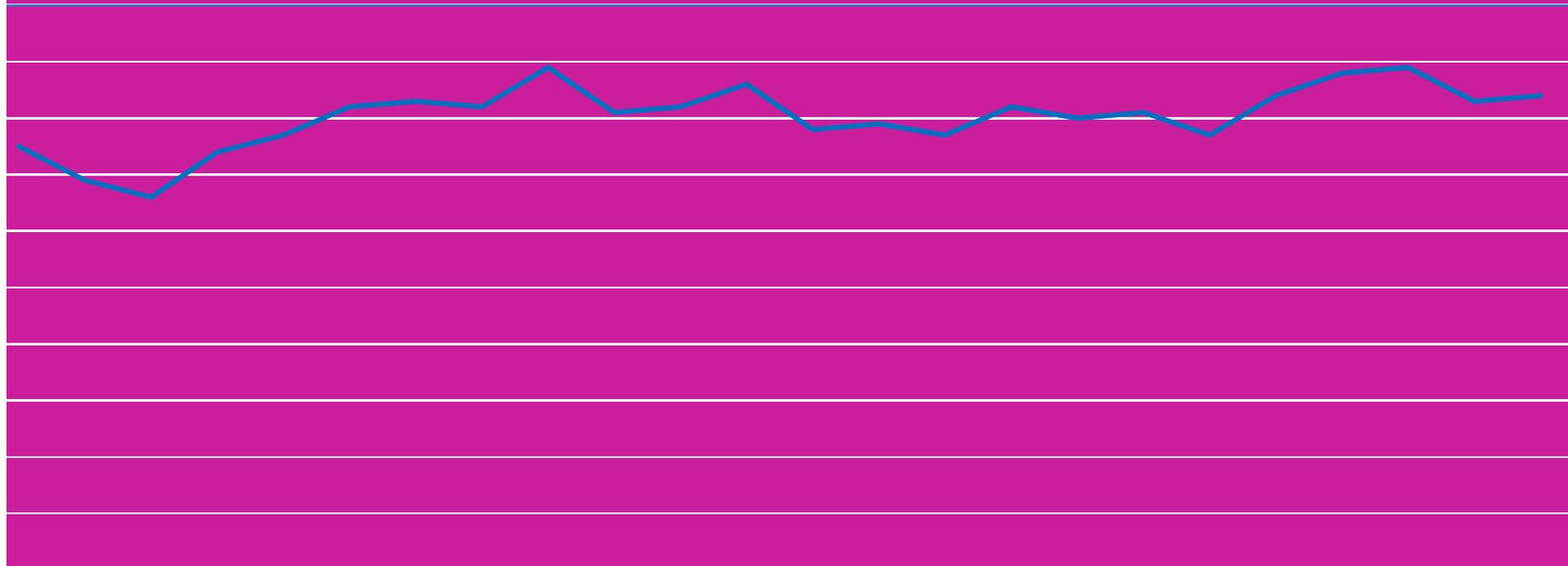


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N)	85%	84%	88%	83%	84%	84%	88%	85%	86%	85%	89%	86%	88%	82%	87%	81%	84%	83%	87%	82%	84%
VN)	75%	70%	74%	73%	72%	71%	74%	76%	76%	74%	75%	77%	80%	71%	76%	75%	74%	74%	74%	70%	75%

**QUARTER/YEAR**

# CALIFORNIA PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION

## First Time Program Graduates 2008 - 2013



Q1/08	Q2/08	Q3/08	Q4-08	Q1-09	Q2-09	Q3-09	Q4-09	Q1-10	Q2-10	Q3-10	Q4-10	Q1-11	Q2-11	Q3-11	Q4-11	Q1-12	Q2-12	Q3-12	Q4-12	Q1-13	Q2-13	Q3-13	Q4-13
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