

Agenda Item #6.C.2.



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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Platt College, Alhambra, Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Placement on Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Janice Montgomery, Alhambra, Los Angeles County, Private)

Recommendations:

1. Place the Platt College, Alhambra, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the two (2) year period from August 21, 2015 through August 31, 2017, 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. (See Attachment H)
2. Approve the Platt College, Alhambra, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit one (1) class of twenty (20) students to a class beginning on November 10, 2015, graduating January 30, 2017, **only**.
3. Require the program to provide no less than one (1) instructor for every ten (10) students in clinical experiences.
4. Require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
5. Require the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **September 15, 2015**.
6. Require the program to submit follow up reports in nine (9) months, but no later than **May 1, 2016**, and 21 months, but no later than **May 1, 2017**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis:
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 - m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations
 - n. Evaluation of Student Achievement
 - o. Current Enrollment
7. Require the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than (10) ten percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
 8. Require the program to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
 9. Require the program to 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.
 10. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
 11. Place the program on the Board's **August 2017** agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.

Rationale: Based on the most recent data available (April through June 2015), the program's average annual pass rate is **36%**, which is **36** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program now has **six (6)** consecutive quarters **below** the state average annual pass rate.

An improvement plan was implemented by the program in late 2014. To date, no program candidates have tested in 2015. The program has, over the past year, made a number of important changes in policy, curriculum, and support to past and current students. The new curriculum is to be implemented with the next admission to the program. The program has demonstrated adequate resources to support the proposed admission of students.

The significant variance from the state average annual pass rate supports the recommendation of placement on provisional approval. The many significant changes implemented and planned by the program support the recommendation to admit students at this time.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the program's follow-up reports, the effectiveness of

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

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DATE: August 5, 2015

TO: Board Members

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SUBJECT: Platt College, Alhambra, Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Placement on Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Janice Montgomery, Alhambra, Los Angeles County, Private)

Platt College, Alhambra, Vocational Nursing Program is presented to the Board for consideration of placement on provisional approval.

In accordance with Section 2526.1(c) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations

“The Board may place any program on provisional approval when a program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Section 2526...”

Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and 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 approved vocational nursing schools for the same period.”

On April 27, 2015, when considering the program's request for continued approval, the Executive Officer noted the program's noncompliance with regulatory requirements for program pass rates on the licensure examination. Specifically, the program's average annual pass rates were 26 – 32 percentage points below state average annual pass rates from Quarter 1 – 2014 through Quarter 1 – 2015. The Executive Officer referred the program to the Board for consideration of placement on provisional approval.

In addition, the program has requested approval to admit one (1) class of 20 students beginning November 10, 2015 and graduating January 30, 2017. The requested class would **replace** the class scheduled to graduate on November 9, 2015.

History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A, History of Prior Board Actions)

Enrollment Data

The program offers full – time classes. Board approval is required prior to the admission of each class. The pattern of admissions for past, current, and proposed classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 24 students** for the period **May 2008 through November 2015**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
5/08 PT		28	14	14
	6/10 (5/08 Class)		-14	14 – 14 = 0
9/10 PT		14	11	0 + 11 = 11
10/12 FT		17	13	11 + 13 = 24
	12/12 (9/10 Class)		-11	24 – 11 = 13
	3/14 (10/12 Class)		-13	13 – 13 = 0
6/14 FT		18	16	0 + 16 = 16
	11/15 (6/14 Class)		-16	16 – 16 = 0
11/15 FT (Proposed)	1/17	20		0 + 20 = 20

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by 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 2010 to June 30, 2015, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Platt College, 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 [CCR §2530(I)]	Variance from State Average Annual Pass Rate
Oct – Dec 2010	1	1	100%	77%	100%	76%	+24
Jan – Mar 2011	6	4	67%	80%	71%	77%	-6
Apr – Jun 2011	3	1	33%	71%	60%	76%	-16
Jul – Sep 2011	2	1	50%	74%	58%	76%	-18
Oct-Dec 2011	No Candidates Tested			74%	55%	75%	-20
Jan- Mar 2012	No Candidates Tested			77%	40%	74%	-34
Apr – Jun 2012	No Candidates Tested			72%	50%	74%	-24
Jul – Sep 2012	No Candidates Tested			74%	N/A	74%	N/A
Oct-Dec 2012	No Candidates Tested			70%	N/A	74%	N/A
Jan- Mar 2013	No Candidates Tested			75%	N/A	73%	N/A
Apr – Jun 2013	No Candidates Tested			78%	N/A	73%	N/A
Jul – Sep 2013	1	1	100%	75%	100%	74%	+26
Oct – Dec 2013	2	1	50%	76%	67%	76%	-9
Jan – Mar 2014	5	2	40%	74%	50%	76%	-26
Apr – Jun 2014	2	1	50%	66%	50%	73%	-23
Jul – Sep 2014	7	2	29%	72%	38%	73%	-35
Oct – Dec 2014	4	2	50%	72%	39%	72%	-33
Jan – Mar 2015	No Candidates Tested			73%	39%	71%	-32
Apr – Jun 2015	No Candidates Tested			69%	36%	72%	-36

*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.

California Code of Regulations section 2530(I) 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 approved vocational nursing schools for the same period.”

Based on the **most recent data available** (April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015), the program's average annual pass rate is **36%**.

The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination for the first time during the same period is 72%. The average annual pass rate for the Platt College Vocational Nursing Program is **36** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's average annual pass rate has been **greater than 10 percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate for the **past six (6) consecutive quarters**.

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 program's Board-approved faculty totals four (4) including the program director and one (1) Teacher's Assistant. The director has 80% administrative responsibility. A total of three (3) instructors, including the director, are approved to teach in clinical areas.

Based on a maximum enrollment of 24 students, two (2) instructors are needed. Therefore, 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 **adequate** clinical facilities to afford the number, type, and variety of patients that will provide clinical experience consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught.

Other Considerations

On February 6, 2014, noting a low number of graduates taking the licensure examination, the assigned consultant requested the program director submit a comprehensive analysis of the program's plan of correction, identification of problems negatively impacting student achievement, the effect of employed interventions, identification of required revisions, and a timeline for implementation.

On April 25, 2014, the program reported on the implementation of a plan to contact past graduates, to provide review assistance and preparation for taking the exam, to provide follow-up, and to provide financial incentives for successful first – time candidates. The plan also included working with current students to provide preparation and review, and financial assistance with application fees. (See Attachment B).

Upon submission of the Program Record Survey documents in May 2014, deficits in policies related to attendance, remediation, and evaluation of student progress were identified. In addition, the submitted Credit Granting policy was not compliant with regulations. New policies related to attendance, evaluation methodology for student progress, and remediation were submitted on May 23, 2014. Updates to documentation of evaluation of the curriculum, evaluation of faculty, and high school equivalency for students were submitted on May 28, 2014. With a major curriculum revision in process, the Program Record Survey remained pending completion.

On February 18, 2015, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence notifying the program director of the program's four (4) consecutive quarters of average annual pass rates greater than 10 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate and an improvement plan was requested. (See Attachment C).

On March 30, 2015, the Board received the program's revised plan of correction (see Attachment D). The program reiterated a commitment to reach out to past graduates, including those who had never tested and those who were not successful on the first attempt, and the program reported on results to date. The program also reported on:

- a) Implementation of the HESI VN package in the curriculum as of December 2014
- b) Enhanced remediation plans
- c) Live review for all students in the final term
- d) Implementation of an NCLEX study plan and instructor assistance
- e) Tutoring sessions on campus
- f) Financial incentives to test early, beginning March 2014
- g) Pending major curriculum revision

A new Credit Granting policy was submitted on March 30, 2015, correcting the previously identified violation. An updated version of the Program Record Survey was received on April 17, 2015.

Final revisions of the new curriculum were accepted on March 30, 2015. The program reports rationale for the new curriculum as:

- 1) To provide more congruence between theory and clinical content;
- 2) To add critical thinking components throughout the curriculum;
- 3) To add a course on Growth and Development;
- 4) To enhance Fundamentals of Nursing with increased theory and skills content.

In addition, the curriculum was revised to enhance integration of HESI assessment materials throughout. The new curriculum offers 671 theory hours, 1079 clinical hours, and a total of 1750 hours. The new curriculum is to be implemented with the next incoming class.

On April 27, 2015, the Executive Officer approved the major curriculum revision, continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class, and placed the program on the Board's August 2015 agenda for consideration of placement on provisional approval. The program was notified of the decisions on that day. (See Attachment E).

On May 13, 2015, the Board notified the school of five (5) consecutive quarters of program average annual pass rates greater than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. (See Attachment F). On that date the program was also requested to submit documentation in preparation for presentation at the August 2015 Board meeting. (See Attachment G).

On June 10, 2015, as requested by the program, the assigned consultant conducted a phone consultation with the program director and the school's president regarding presentation at the Board meeting.

Recommendations:

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- Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions.
- Attachment B: Program Correspondence Dated April 25, 2014.
- Attachment C: Board Correspondence Dated February 18, 2015.
- Attachment D: Program Correspondence Dated March 30, 2015.
- Attachment E: Board Correspondence Dated April 27, 2015.
- Attachment F: Board Correspondence Dated May 13, 2015.
- Attachment G: Board Correspondence #2 Dated May 13, 2015.
- Attachment H: Draft Notice of Change in Program Status.

Agenda Item #6.C.2., Attachment A

PLATT COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

History of Prior Board Actions

- On April 10, 2008, the Board approved Anderson Medical Career College's request to begin a vocational nursing program at the City of Commerce campus with an initial class of 45 students on April 24, 2008 only, and a projected graduation date of April 24, 2010. The Board also approved the program curriculum for 1545.5 hours, including 585.5 theory and 960 clinical hours.
- **On January 12, 2010, a new program director was approved.**
- On June 17, 2010, the Board received the Program Records Survey and related materials.
- On June 21 – 22, 2010, the assigned consultant completed an onsite inspection to determine regulatory compliance for program approval.
- On July 20, 2010 the Executive Officer approved Anderson Medical Career College, Commerce City, Vocational Nursing Program's full initial accreditation for a four-year period from June 27, 2010 through June 26, 2014 and issued a certificate accordingly; **and**, approved the program's request to commence a part - time class of 35 students on August 15, 2010 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate June 27, 2010. The proposed class is scheduled to complete program requirements on August 30, 2012; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On May 7, 2012 the program was sent a four (4) quarter notification of noncompliance with Section 2530 (I) failure to achieve required annual minimum pass rate.
- On June 7, 2012, the Executive Officer approved the following recommendations:
 1. Approve Anderson Medical Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 35 students commencing on June 4, 2012 and graduating on August 9, 2013, to **replace** students who will graduate September 23, 2012.
 2. Deny the program's request to admit a class of 25 students commencing January 5, 2013, and graduating June 28, 2015, at this time.
 3. Require the program to complete a comprehensive analysis of critical program elements and submit a written report by **June 30, 2012**. The report must include a summary of the program analysis, 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.

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 - n. Evaluation of Student Achievement.
 - o. Current Enrollment.
4. Continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- **On February 27, 2013, Janice Montgomery was approved as the new director of the program.**
 - On June 1, 2013, the name of the program was changed to Platt College. The new offices are located in Alhambra, California, however, the school is associated with the Platt College, Los Angeles, campus.
 - On February 6, 2014, the Executive Officer approved the following recommendations:
 - 1) Approve Platt College, formerly Anderson Medical Career College, City of Commerce, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 35 students commencing on March 4, 2014 and graduating on June 17, 2015, to **replace** students who graduated January 16, 2014.
 - 2) Require the program to submit a follow-up report no later than **April 30, 2014**. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program's plan of correction, identification of problems negatively impacting student achievement, the effect of employed interventions, identification of required revisions, and a timeline for implementation.
 - 3) Continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
 - On May 23, 2014, new policies related to attendance, remediation, and evaluation of student progress were approved.
 - On May 28, 2014, updated documents related to the Program Record Survey were received.
 - On February 18, 2015, the program was notified of four consecutive quarters more than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. An improvement plan was requested.
 - On March 30, 2015, final revisions to the proposed philosophy, conceptual framework, and curriculum were accepted. The revised improvement plan was also received on this date.

- On April 17, 2015, the revised version of the Program Record Survey, containing all updated documents, including the proposed curriculum was received.
- On April 27, 2015, the Executive Officer rendered the following decisions:
 1. Approve the Platt College Vocational Nursing Program's request for a major curriculum revisions to include 1750 hours, including 671 theory hours and 1079 clinical hours.
 2. Continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
 3. Place the program on the Board's August 2015 agenda for consideration of placement on provisional approval.
- On May 13, 2015, the Board notified the school of five (5) consecutive quarters of program average annual pass rates greater than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate and requested to submit documentation in preparation for presentation at the August 2015 Board meeting.
- On June 10, 2015, as requested by the program, the assigned consultant conducted a phone consultation with the program director and the school's president regarding presentation at the Board meeting.

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Agenda Item#6.C.2., Attachment B

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Dear Ms. Clayworth,

I am writing in response to your letter on February 11, 2014 regarding recommendations for the Vocational Nursing Program at Platt College.

Problem negatively impacting student achievement:

Low percentage of graduates who have taken NCLEX (of the 26 graduates from the first two graduating classes only 15 graduates have tested).

Assessment:

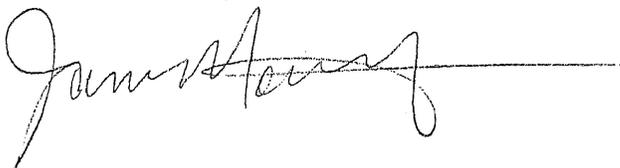
Director of Vocational Nursing Program at Platt College has conducted a comprehensive analysis of the problem of graduates not taking NCLEX.

Recommendations:

See attached plan of correction including interventions, identified required revisions, and timeline for interventions.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Platt College Vocational Nursing Plan of Correction

Area	Specifics	Evaluation
<p>Past graduates that have not sat for NCLEX</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify all past graduates that have not sat for NCLEX-PN 2) Contact all past graduates that have not sat for NCLEX-PN by June 30, 2014 3) Determine why past graduates have not sat for NCLEX-PN 4) Secure assurance from past graduates that they will prepare and sit for NCLEX-PN as soon as possible 5) Inform past graduates of availability of Vocational Nursing faculty to assist students to prepare to sit for NCLEX-PN Examination 6) Follow-up with past graduates on a regular basis to ensure compliance with NCLEX-PN preparation 7) All successful first-time NCLEX-PN candidates will receive a financial incentive from Platt College 	<p>Anderson Medical Career College Cohort Start September 25, 2010</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Applications submitted for all 11 graduating students 2) 1 Student has reported no response – application will be resubmitted 3) 7 Students reported completion of the NCLEX-PN Examination 4) 3 Students reported plans to test by the end of June, 2014 <p>Previous Anderson Cohorts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 1 Student currently attending tutoring sessions and ATI review in preparation for initial NCLEX-PN 2) 1 student has relocated to Hawaii and does not plan to test 3) 1 Student was contacted by the school regarding application submittal but has since been unresponsive – will continue to follow up
<p>Ensure class that graduates are prepared to sit for NCLEX within 90 days of receipt of Ability to Test.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify all recent graduates that have not applied for NCLEX-PN test date 2) Determine why recent graduates have not applied for NCLEX-PN test date 3) Secure assurance from recent graduates that they will prepare and sit for NCLEX-PN as soon as possible 4) Inform recent graduates of availability of Vocational Nursing faculty to assist students to prepare to sit for NCLEX-PN 5) Follow-up with recent graduates on a regular basis to ensure compliance with NCLEX-PN preparation and application for test date 6) Platt College will provide Initial application and examination fee 7) All successful first-time NCLEX-PN candidates will receive a financial incentive from Platt College 	<p>Anderson Medical Career College Cohort Start October 15, 2012</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Applications submitted for 12 out of 13 graduates 2) 1 Student still pending record of conviction completion for application submittal – Director has contacted student multiple times regarding application completion 3) 2 Students reported examination test dates scheduled for June, 2014 4) 10 Students contacted by Director regarding examination scheduling

Platt College Vocational Nursing Plan of Correction

<p>Prepare future students to be prepared to sit for NCLEX within 90 days of receipt of Ability to Test.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Throughout Vocational Nursing Program encourage students to prepare and sit for NCLEX within 90 days of receipt of Authorization to Test 2) Secure assurance from future students that they will prepare and sit for NCLEX as soon as possible 3) Inform students of availability of Vocational Nursing faculty to assist students to prepare to sit for NCLEX upon completion of the program 4) Continue to follow-up with students throughout examination process 5) Platt College will provide initial application and examination fee 6) All successful first-time NCLEX-PN candidates will receive a financial incentive from Platt College 	<p>Platt College</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Prepare future cohorts to complete initial application process 2) Encourage and motivate students to complete NCLEX-PN Examination within 90 days of Authorization to Test 3) Closely monitor planned interventions with each cohort
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February 18, 2015

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Subject: NCLEX-PN® Pass Rates

Dear Ms. Montgomery,

The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians hereby informs you of your program's status related to Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations which states:

"The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period.

- (1) Failure to achieve the required yearly average minimum pass rate within two years of initial approval may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation.
- (2) 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."

Statistics furnished by 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", indicate that the pass rates for the Platt College, Alhambra Campus Vocational Nursing Program have fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for the **past four quarters**.

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Please provide the Board with your written plan for improving your program's NCLEX-PN® pass rates by **March 18, 2015**. The Board will continue monitoring the pass rates closely.

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

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PLATT COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM		
PLAN OF CORRECTION		
Problem Area	Interventions	Evaluation
<p>Candidates not successful on the first attempt of the NCLEX-PN Licensure Examination</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify past graduates who were not successful on first attempt of the NCLEX-PN Licensure Examination 2. Contact past graduates by March 13, 2015 3. Determine when second examination attempt is scheduled 4. Offer and encourage attendance of weekly tutoring sessions offered at Platt College 5. Provide continued monitoring and support for graduates as they prepare for the repeat examination 6. Review each graduates' study plan for the examination at the time of tutoring attendance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Of the prior 2 Vocational Nursing VN cohorts, 1 student's application remains incomplete for submission – requiring Record of Conviction Form completion. Program Director has contacted graduate multiple times 2. 3 students have agreed to attend tutoring sessions on campus, and 1 requested online review materials and is currently completing HESI NCLEX Review Assessment Testing 3. Program Director will continue to follow-up and encourage tutoring attendance for the remaining students on a weekly basis
<p>Graduates Pending NCLEX-PN first attempt</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify past graduates who have not sat for the NCLEX-PN Licensure Examination 2. 2. Contact past graduates by March 13, 2015 3. Notify graduates of tutoring availability at Platt College 4. Review each graduates' study plan at the time of tutoring attendance. 5. Provide continuing monitoring and support for graduates as they prepare for examination 6. Successful first-time NCLEX-PN candidates will receive a financial incentive from Platt College (ongoing) – initiated March, 2014 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 graduate from the October 2012 cohort has not tested due to a medical condition; application was submitted March, 2014 2. 1 graduate from the May, 2008 Anderson Medical Career College cohort has not tested, application submitted. Student has attended an outside review course and provided documentation of completion. Graduate attending campus review sessions and in process of completing HESI Review package

		3. Program Director will continue to monitor graduate progress and encourage review attendance on a weekly basis
Problem Area	Interventions	Evaluation
Currently enrolled Vocational Nursing students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HESI VN Package provided to each student as of December, 2014 2. Students are required to completed case studies and practice examinations for topics aligned in the curriculum 3. Students receive remediation materials and are required to review before repeating a proctored HESI examination 4. HESI Live Review will be provided for all students in the final program term 5. Students will submit a NCLEX review study plan in the last term, which is to be followed pending completion of the NCLEX-PN Examination 6. Instructors will assist students to develop effective study methods during the VN program 7. Program Director will monitor HEI assessment results after each proctored examination and meet with students requiring remediation 8. Tutoring sessions will continue to be scheduled on campus 9. Platt College will provide the initial application fee and reimburse each student the examination fee to facilitate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to monitor HESI assessment results throughout the program on a weekly basis 2. Students have online access to case studies and practice examinations, Program Director validates completion of items before proctored examinations as of January 2015 3. Instructors and Program Director monitor compliance with HESI student remediation progress as of January 2015 4. Adopted HESI NCLEX-PN Review package December 2014 5. Current cohort has buy-in with NCLEX preparation as demonstrated by the formation of study groups to specifically practice NCLEX-style questions and perform content review 6. All currently enrolled students were interviewed by the Program Director and successfully completed entrance examination requirements as of June 2014

	timely test-taking – ongoing, initiated March 2014	7. Instructor classroom and clinical observations completed quarterly at minimum as of August 2013
Problem Area	Interventions	Evaluation
Future Enrollments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pending major curriculum revisions for Vocational Nursing Program – all aspects of the current curriculum have been reviewed and modified to achieve greater congruency between theory and clinical objectives 2. Continue provision of HESI practice materials, assessments, and Live NCLEX-PN Review for future cohorts 3. Continue to provided initial testing and licensure fees 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently under review with Nurse Consultant

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April 27, 2015

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Subject: Consideration of Continued Approval; Consideration of Curriculum Revision

Dear Ms. Montgomery,

On April 27, 2015, the Executive Officer rendered the following decisions regarding the *Platt College, Alhambra, Vocational Nursing Program's* request for consideration of ongoing approval and for consideration of a major curriculum revision:

Recommendations:

1. Approve the Platt College Vocational Nursing Program's request for a major curriculum revisions to include 1750 hours, including 671 theory hours and 1079 clinical hours.
2. Continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
3. Place the program on the Board's August 2015 agenda for consideration of placement on provisional approval.

Rationale: The program has, over the past year, made a number of important changes in policy, curriculum, and support to past and current students. Through the revised Program Record Survey, the program has documented adequate resources to support the objectives of the program. The program was found to be in violation of regulations related to program pass rates; no other violations are identified in the recently revised Program Record Survey.

Based on the most recent data available (January through March, 2015), the program's average annual pass rate is **39%**, which is **32** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program now has **five (5)** consecutive quarters **below** the state average annual pass rate. An

improvement plan was implemented by the program in late 2014. The new curriculum is to be implemented with the next admission to the program.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years. In addition, the program must request approval prior to admitting new students.

Information regarding the program's placement on the Board's August 2015 agenda for consideration of provisional approval will be forwarded to the program in the near future.

Please contact me should you have questions.

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May 13, 2015

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Subject: NCLEX-PN® Pass Rates

Dear Ms. Montgomery,

The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians hereby informs you of your program's status related to Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations which states:

"The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period.

- (1) Failure to achieve the required yearly average minimum pass rate within two years of initial approval may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation.

Statistics furnished by 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", indicate that the pass rates for the Platt College, Alhambra Campus Vocational Nursing Program have fallen below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for the **past five quarters**.

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The Board has reviewed your plan to improve pass rates. At this time, your program has been scheduled for consideration of placement on provisional approval at the August 2015 Board meeting. Correspondence related to presentation of your program at the August meeting will follow separately.

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

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Subject: Program Approval Status

Dear Ms. Montgomery,

The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) is scheduled to consider the following elements relative to the Platt College, Alhambra Campus, Vocational Nursing Program on **August 21, 2015**:

- Consideration of Placement on Provisional Approval
- Consideration of Request to Admit Students

In preparation for that meeting, information is requested relative to the program's enrollment, approved faculty, clinical resources, and other program resources. Please complete and submit the attached forms ***no later than June 15, 2015***.

Please note that only current faculty and facilities should be listed. In addition, the clinical assignment forms should be completed for all currently enrolled and any requested students. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachments:

1. Blank Enrollment Data Table.
2. Blank Faculty and Facility Forms
3. Blank Faculty/Student Clinical Assignment Form
4. Blank Maternity Faculty/Student Clinical Assignment Form
5. Blank Pediatric Faculty/Student Clinical Assignment Form



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August X, 2015
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Subject: Notice of Change in Approval Status

Dear Ms. Montgomery,

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on August 21, 2015, the Platt College, Alhambra Campus, Vocational Nursing Program has been placed on provisional approval for the two – year period from August 21, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the areas of non-compliance identified 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 15, 2015.**

AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE (VIOLATIONS(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 approval 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 approved vocational nursing schools for the same period."

REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)

1. The program shall provide no less than one (1) instructor for every ten (10) students in clinical experiences.

2. The program shall admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
3. The program shall submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **September 15, 2015**.
4. The program shall submit follow up reports in nine (9) months, but no later than **May 1, 2016**, and 21 months, but no later than **May 1, 2017**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve 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
5. The program shall bring its average annual pass rate to no more than (10) ten percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
6. The program shall demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
7. 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.
8. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.

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FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **August 2017** Board Meeting agenda, at which point the Board may revoke or extend the program's approval. 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: **Prior approval by the full Board is required to admit additional students.**

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 section 2527 of the Board's regulations.

The program may not 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.

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

Sincerely,

JOHN BROOKS
Acting Executive Officer

Enclosures

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