

# Agenda Item #6.D.3.



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## COVER SHEET

**SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing  
— Program Consideration of Request to Admit Students** (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Bakersfield, Kern County, Private)

### Recommendations:

1. Approve Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 36 students on October 12, 2015, **only**, graduating December 15, 2016, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 8, 2015.
2. Require the program to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all newly enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected dates of graduation no later than **October 23, 2015**.
3. Continue the program's requirement to admit no additional students without prior approval by the Board.

**Rationale:** Published examination statistics for Quarter 2 - 2015 confirm the program's average annual pass rate is 81%, nine (9) percentage points above the State average annual pass rate. As such, the program's average annual pass rate has increased 23 percentage points since placement on provisional approval. Such improvement supports the recommendation to approve the requested admission of 36 students.

Based on submitted enrollment statistics, three (3) classes are currently enrolled in the program for a total enrollment of 94 students. A class of 22 students is scheduled to graduate October 8, 2015. If the requested class of 36 students is approved, the program will have a maximum enrollment of 108 students. The program has submitted documents and materials confirming sufficient resources for achievement of its educational objectives for the current and proposed student population.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

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DATE: August 5, 2015

TO: Board Members

FROM: Pam Hinckley, R. N., M. S.,  
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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program  
Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Bakersfield,  
Kern County, Private)

On February 22, 2013, the Board placed the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the two (2) year period from February 22, 2013 to February 28, 2015. Additionally, the Board denied the program's request for approval to admit 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing March 18, 2013, graduating May 21, 2014, to **replace** students that were scheduled to graduate December 20, 2012. The program was required to obtain approval by the full Board prior to the admission of students. This action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with California Code of Regulations section 2530 (I), 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 approved vocational nursing schools for the same period."

At that time, the program's quarterly pass rate was 44% and its average annual pass rate was 58%.

On February 13, 2015, the Board extended the program's provisional approval for a one (1) year period from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016. Additionally, the Board approved the program's admission of a class of 36 students on May 26, 2015, only, to **replace** students that were scheduled to graduate on March 12, 2015, **provided** the program has no more than ten (10) students per instructor during clinical classes. At that time, the program's quarterly pass rate was 85% and its average annual pass rate was 68%. Reconsideration of the program's provisional status was scheduled for February 2016.

The program requests approval to admit a class of 36 students on October 12, 2015, graduating December 15, 2016. The proposed class will **replace** students that are scheduled to graduate October 8, 2015.

## History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A, History of Board Action)

## Enrollment

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

The following table represents **current and projected student** enrollment based on current and proposed class starts and completions. The table indicates a maximum enrollment of **108** students for the period **May 2012 through March 2016**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
5/12		26	19	19
	8/13 (5/12 Class)		-19	19 – 19 = 0
8/13		24	15	0 + 15 = 15
1/14		25	20	15 + 20 = 35
8/14		36	22	35 + 22 = 57
	10/14 (8/13 Class)		-15	57 – 15 = 42
1/15		36	36	42 + 36 = 78
	3/15 (1/14 Class)		-20	78 – 20 = 58
5/15	7/16	36		58 + 36 = 94
	10/15 (8/14 Class)		-22	94 – 22 = 72
10/15 Proposed	12/16	36		72 + 36 = 108
	3/16 (1/15 Class)		-36	108 – 36 = 72

## Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by the Pearson Vue 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 January 2008 through June 2015, specify the

pass percentage rates for graduates of the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, 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 Average Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate [CCR §2530(l)]	Variance From State Average Annual Pass Rate
Jan-Mar 2008	17	16	94%	75%	94%	75%	+19
Apr-Jun 2008	6	6	100%	70%	96%	74%	+22
Jul-Sep 2008	2	1	50%	74%	92%	74%	+18
Oct-Dec 2008	No Students Tested			73%	88%	73%	+15
Jan-Mar 2009	No Students Tested			70%	78%	72%	+6
Apr-Jun 2009	7	6	86%	71%	78%	70%	+8
Jul-Sep 2009	9	9	100%	74%	94%	72%	+22
Oct-Dec 2009	18	14	78%	76%	85%	73%	+12
Jan-Mar 2010	14	12	86%	76%	85%	74%	+11
Apr-Jun 2010	6	6	100%	74%	87%	74%	+13
Jul-Sep 2010	19	17	89%	76%	86%	75%	+12
Oct-Dec 2010	6	2	33%	77%	82%	76%	+6
Jan-Mar 2011	22	12	54%	80%	70%	77%	-7
Apr-Jun 2011	16	9	56%	71%	63%	76%	-13
Jul-Sep 2011	20	13	65%	74%	56%	76%	-20
Oct-Dec 2011	30	14	47%	74%	55%	75%	-20
Jan-Mar 2012	6	2	33%	77%	53%	74%	-21
Apr - Jun 2012	16	10	63%	72%	54%	74%	-20
Jul - Sep 2012	40	25	63%	74%	55%	74%	-19
Oct - Dec 2012	9	4	44%	70%	58%	74%	-16
Jan - Mar 2013	17	12	71%	75%	62%	73%	-11
Apr - Jun 2013	13	10	77%	78%	65%	73%	-8
Jul - Sep 2013	17	12	71%	75%	68%	74%	-6
Oct - Dec 2013	11	8	73%	76%	73%	76%	-3
Jan - Mar 2014	9	5	56%	74%	70%	76%	-6
Apr - Jun 2014	6	2	33%	66%	63%	73%	-10
Jul - Sep 2014	3	3	100%	72%	62%	73%	-11
Oct - Dec 2014	13	11	85%	72%	68%	72%	-4
Jan - Mar 2015	2	1	50%	73%	71%	71%	Equal
Apr - Jun 2015	19	15	79%	72%	81%	72%	+9

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics				Annual Statistics*			
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Average Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate [CCR §2530(l)]	Variance From State Average Annual Pass Rate
*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(l) 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 – June 2015), the program's current average annual pass rate is **81%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time during the same period is 72%. The average annual pass rate for Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program is currently nine (9) percentage points **above** the State annual average 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 current number of faculty totals 13. The program director has 95% administrative responsibility and 5% teaching duties. Thirteen (13) instructors are approved to teach clinical classes.

Based upon a maximum enrollment of 108 students, 11 instructors are required for clinical supervision given the Board’s November 2014 and February 2015 decisions requiring an instructor – to – student ratio no greater than 1:10. Therefore, the current number of faculty is adequate for the current 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 sufficient clinical facilities to afford the number, type and variety of clients that will provide clinical experiences that are consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught to current and proposed students.

### **Other Considerations:**

As noted previously, the Board placed the program on provisional approval for the two (2) year period from February 22, 2013 to February 28, 2015 due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements relative to program pass rates. **At that time, the program's quarterly pass rate was 44% and the average annual pass rate is 58%.**

On February 13, 2015, the Board extended the program's provisional approval for a one (1) year period from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016 and approved the admission of a class of 36 students on May 26, 2015, only, to **replace** students that were scheduled to graduate on March 12, 2015, **provided** the program has no more than ten (10) students per instructor during clinical experience. Reconsideration of the program's provisional status was scheduled for February 2016. **At that time, the program's quarterly pass rate was 85% and the average annual pass rate was 72%.**

On February 23, 2015, the Board forwarded a *Notice* to the program specifying identified deficiencies, required corrections, and a timeline by which the corrections must be completed. On March 2, 2015, the Board received correspondence from the program acknowledging receipt of the Notice.

Published examination statistics for **Quarter 1 - 2015** confirm the program's **quarter pass rate was 50%** and the **average annual pass rate was 71%**. As such, the program's average annual pass rate was equal to the state average annual pass rate. It is noted that the program's quarter pass rate represented two (2) candidates.

For **Quarter 2 – 2015**, the program's **quarter pass rate is 79%**, and its **average annual pass rate is 81%**. It is important to note that the program's average annual pass rate has **increased 23 percentage points since initial placement on provisional approval**. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is nine (9) percentage points **above** the State average annual pass rate.

### **Recommendations:**

1. Approve Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 36 students on October 12, 2015, **only**, graduating December 15, 2016, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate October 8, 2015.
2. Require the program to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all newly enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected dates of graduation no later than **October 23, 2015**.
3. Continue the program's requirement to admit no additional students without prior approval by the Board.

**Rationale:** Published examination statistics for Quarter 2 - 2015 confirm the program's average annual pass rate is 81%, nine (9) percentage points above the State

average annual pass rate. As such, the program's average annual pass rate has increased 23 percentage points since placement on provisional approval. Such improvement supports the recommendation to approve the requested admission of 36 students.

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Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions.

Attachment B: Notice of Change in Approval Status Dated February 23, 2015.

Attachment C: Acknowledgement of Notice of Change in Approval Status Dated March 2, 2015; Received March 2, 2015.

## **Agenda Item #6.D.3., Attachment A**

### **SANTA BARBARA BUSINESS COLLEGE, BAKERSFIELD VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM**

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

- On May 12, 2006, the Executive Officer approved Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 30 students on July 3, 2006, only; and approved the program curriculum for 1600 hours, including 620 theory, and 980 clinical hours.
- On August 1, 2007, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program for the period from August 1, 2007, through August 1, 2011, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly; and approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students to start on January 7, 2008, only, to replace students graduating on January 22, 2007.
- On May 14, 2008, the Executive Officer approved Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students on May 27, 2008, thereby increasing the program's frequency of admissions
- On August 13, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the Program's request to admit an additional full-time day class of 30 students on October 13, 2008
- On May 14, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students on May 27, 2008.
- August 8, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit an additional full-time day class of 30 students on October 13, 2008 be approved. This will increase the program's frequency of admissions.
- On February 27, 2009, the Executive Officer approved the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, request to admit a second full-time evening class of 30 students on March 16, 2009.
- On October 20, 2009 the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students and five (5) alternates on October 20, 2009, only, to **replace** a graduated class, with an anticipated graduation date of December 16, 2010.
- On October 20, 2009, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students and five (5) alternates on January 4, 2010, only, to **replace** a class graduating on December 17, 2009. This class is expected to graduate on March 10, 2011.

- On October 20, 2009, the Executive Officer denied the program's request for ongoing admissions of two (2) morning and two (2) evening classes two (2) times per year, a total of four (4) classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes, due to the program's slowly decreasing annual pass rate since 2010.
- On February 26, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program request to increase the frequency of admissions, with the admission of a fourth full-time class of 45 students on March 15, 2010, only. The anticipated graduation date of the class is May 19, 2011.
- On June 3, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students and five (5) alternates on May 24, 2010, only, to **replace** a graduated class, with an anticipated graduation date of July 28, 2011.
- On June 3, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the program's request for ongoing admissions of two (2) morning and two (2) evening classes two (2) times per year, a total of four (4) classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes, 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 one (1) full-time class of 36 students every March, August, and November only, to **replace** graduating students; and
  - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- On April 19, 2012, the Board notified the program of **four (4) quarters of low licensure pass rates**, and required the program to submit a plan to increase the pass rates.
- On April 20, 2012, the Executive Officer approved continued full approval for Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2015 and issue a certificate accordingly; **and**, **Rescinded** the program's approval for ongoing admissions of two (2) day classes and two (2) evening classes of 36 students, a total of four (4) classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes; **and**, approved the program's admission of 36 students commencing May 21, 2012, only, graduating August 1, 2013, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate, May 17, 2012; required the program to obtain Board approval prior to admitting additional classes; **and**, additionally, required the program to submit plans of correction relative to the Notice of Violation for its noncompliance with California Code of Regulations Sections 2530 (l) and 2530 (k) by May 4, 2012.
- On May 3, 2012, the Board received the program's plan to increase the program pass rates.
- On May 11, 2012, the director submitted her plan to prevent a reoccurrence of the violations.

- On August 7, 2012, the Board notified the program of **five (5) quarters of low licensure pass rates**, and required the program to submit a plan to increase the pass rates by **September 3, 2012**.
- On September 13, 2012, the Board received the program's plan to increase licensure pass rates.
- On October 17, 2012, the Executive Officer denied the program's admission of 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing October 22, 2012, graduating December 19, 2013, to **replace** students that graduated October 11, 2012; and, require the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to admitting additional classes.
- On November 2, 2012, the Executive Officer denied Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, admission of 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing January 7, 2013, graduating March 13, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 22, 2012; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to admitting additional classes; **and**, placed the program on the February 2013 Board agenda.
- On December 13, 2012, the Board assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
- On December 28, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the program director and eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.
- On February 22, 2013, the Board placed Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Approval for a two (2) year period from February 22, 2013 to February 28, 2015 and issue 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 bring its average annual pass rate up to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate; **and**, required the program to submit follow-up reports in nine months, but no later than **November 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **November 1, 2014**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis:
  - a) 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; **and**,

Required 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; **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 approval; **and**,

**Denied** Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, admission of 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing March 18, 2013, graduating May 21, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 20, 2012; **and**, required the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board; **and**, place the program on the **February 2015** Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.

- On March 4, 2013, the Board forwarded to the director the Notice of Change in Approval Status specifying identified deficiencies and required corrections.
- On March 13, 2013, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of two (2) copies and one (1) 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 the Santa Barbara Business College's request to admit 36 students on August 5, 2013, only, graduating October 9, 2014. This class will **replace** students that will graduate on August 1, 2013; **and**, required the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.
- On November 22, 2013, the Board approved the Santa Barbara Business College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 36 students on January 6, 2014, only, graduating March 12, 2015. This class will **replace** students that graduated on August 1, 2013; **and**, continued to require the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.
- On May 16, 2014, the Board approved Santa Barbara Business College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 36 students on August 4, 2014, graduating

October 8, 2015; and, continue to require the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.

- On November 21, 2014 the Board approved the Santa Barbara Business College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 36 students on January 5, 2015 graduating March 10, 2016, **provided** the program has no more than ten (10) students per instructor during clinical experience; and, required the program to continue to require the program to admit no additional students without prior approval by the full Board.
- On February 13, 2015, the Board extended Santa Barbara Business College Vocational Nursing Program's provisional approval for a one (1) year period from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016 and issue a certificate accordingly; **and**, continued to require the program to bring its average annual pass rate up to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate; **and**, approved the program's request to admit a class of 36 students on May 26, 2015, only; graduating July 28, 2016 to **replace** students that will graduate on March 12, 2015, **provided** the program has no more than ten (10) students per instructor during clinical experience; **and**, required the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected dates of graduation by **June 1, 2015; and**, required the program to submit an analysis of the effects of employed interventions delineated in the most recent submitted comprehensive analysis in nine (9) months, but no later than **November 1, 2015; and**, continued to 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; **and**, continued to require 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 approval; and, continued to require the program to admit no additional students without prior Board approval; and, placed the program on the **February 2016** Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.
- On February 23, 2015, the Board forwarded per certified and U.S. mail a Notice of Change in Approval Status. The Notice specified identified deficiencies, required corrections, and a timeline for completion.
- On March 2, 2015, the Board received documentation from the director acknowledging receipt of the Notice.

## Agenda Item #6.D.3., Attachment B



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### CERTIFIED MAIL

February 23, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on February 13, 2015, the provisional approval of the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program was extended for the one – year period from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016.

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 **Monday, March 2, 2015**.

#### AREAS OF NON COMPLIANCE (VIOLATIONS)

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<sup>1</sup> 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."

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The program pass rates of the Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program for the past 28 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
Jan - Mar 2008	75%	94%	+19
Apr - Jun 2008	74%	96%	+22
Jul - Sep 2008	74%	92%	+18
Oct - Dec 2008	73%	88%	+15
Jan - Mar 2009	72%	78%	+6
Apr - Jun 2009	70%	78%	+8
Jul - Sep 2009	72%	94%	+22
Oct - Dec 2009	73%	85%	+12
Jan - Mar 2010	74%	85%	+11
Apr - Jun 2010	74%	87%	+13
Jun - Sep 2010	75%	86%	+12
Oct - Dec 2010	76%	82%	+6
Jan - Mar 2011	77%	70%	-7
Apr - Jun 2011	76%	63%	-13
Jul - Sep 2011	76%	56%	-20
Oct - Dec 2011	75%	55%	-20
Jan - Mar 2012	74%	53%	-21
Apr - Jun 2012	74%	54%	-20
Jul - Sep 2012	74%	55%	-19
Oct - Dec 2012	74%	58%	-16
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Jul - Sep 2013	74%	68%	-6
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Apr - Jun 2014	73%	63%	-10
Jul - Sep 2014	73%	62%	-11
Oct - Dec 2014	72%	68%	-4

Based on this data, the program failed to meet regulatory requirements for vocational nursing programs relative to annual average pass rates.

**REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)**

1. The Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, 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

2. The program shall admit no additional students without prior approval by the 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 dates of graduation by **June 1, 2015**.
4. The program shall submit an analysis of the effects of employed interventions delineated in the most recent submitted comprehensive analysis in nine (9) months, but **no later than November 1, 2015**.
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. 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.
7. Failure of the program to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
8. 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 **February 2016** Board Meeting agenda for reconsideration of your approval status. The nursing education consultant assigned to your program will ask you to submit documentation of the correction of your violation(s) by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to that Board meeting. If you have additional information that you wish considered beyond the required corrections listed on page 4, you must submit this documentation by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to that Board meeting.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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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 accreditation is attached for your reference. A complete copy of the Board's laws and regulations can be found on the Board's web site at [www.bvnpt.ca.gov](http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov).

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

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure

cc: Board Members

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## TITLE 16 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

### 2526.1. Provisional Approval.

- (a) Provisional approval 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 approval shall be granted for a period determined by the Board.
- (c) 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. If the program has not met all requirements at the end of the initial provisional approval period, provisional approval may be extended if the program demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board a good faith effort to correct all deficiencies.
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- (e) A program placed on provisional approval 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 approval.
- (f) A material misrepresentation of fact by a vocational nursing program in any information submitted to the Board is cause for revocation of provisional approval.
- (g) A program whose provisional approval has been revoked shall be removed from the Board's list of approved 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 approved 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.



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FROM: Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program

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(Signature, Director)

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(Date)

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## **CERTIFICATE OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL**

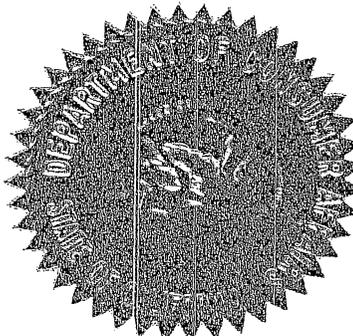
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### *Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield Vocational Nursing Program*

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: March 1, 2015**

Todd D'Braunstein, P.T.  
President



**Expires: February 28, 2016**

Teresa Bello-Jones  
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