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TO: Board Members

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SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs

The following is a summary of the Acting Executive Officer's (AEO) decisions for Vocational Nursing (VN) and Psychiatric Technician (PT) programs.

Effective November 10, 2015

1. **Career Development Institute VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Ladonne Easton, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private)**

The director of the Career Development Institute VN Program requested approval to admit thirty-three (33) students into a full-time day class beginning December 3, 2015, and graduating December 23, 2016, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate December 19, 2015.

The AEO approved the Career Development Institute VN Program's request to admit thirty-three (33) students into a full-time day class beginning December 3, 2015, graduating December 23, 2016, **only**, to **replace** the class graduating in December 2015; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: The program has maintained a 100% average annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN® for the past 15 consecutive quarters. The Board previously noted that the number of graduates who have taken the licensure examination was low and there was a significant attrition rate when examining admitted students and graduates of the program. The program instituted changes to increase the numbers of students who would be able to pass the program's exit examination and then take the licensure examination. Since those changes, the attrition rate has decreased from 57% to the more recent rate of 30%.

The program has documented resources sufficient to support the requested students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate each quarter, the number of graduates taking the licensure examination, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing approval surveys every four years.

2. CNI College VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Kim Martin, Orange, Orange County, Private)

On October 22, 2013, the CNI College (also known as Career Networks Institute) VN Program was granted continued approval for the four - year period ending September 16, 2017. The program was also granted continued approval of ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only. At that time the program's average annual pass rate was 83%.

On August 18 and 19, 2015, with falling pass rates on the licensure examination and complaints regarding the program, an unannounced program inspection was conducted by two (2) Board representatives. A total of **11 violations** were identified.

On September 2, 2015, the AEO considered the report of violations and rescinded approval for ongoing admissions, effective immediately.

The program requested approval to admit one (1) part-time class of 40 students beginning November 30, 2015, graduating June 18, 2017. The program has also requested approval to admit one (1) full-time class of 45 students beginning January 11, 2016, graduating January 13, 2017.

The AEO required the CNI College VN Program to submit for Board approval the following policies and a timeline for implementation of each policy, no later than **December 1, 2015**.

- a. Evaluation methodology for curriculum.
- b. Evaluation methodology for clinical facilities.
- c. Admission policy, including all screening, and selection criteria.
- d. Evaluation of student progress, including determination of the need for remediation or removal from the program.
- e. Attendance policy, including criteria for attendance and acceptable methods for make-up.

The AEO also required the program to submit a written plan for notification to the Board for faculty termination in accord with the regulation no later than **December 1, 2015**. Additionally, the program is required to submit, no later than **January 15, 2016**, documentation that all violations are corrected. This documentation is to be signed, under penalty of perjury, and to include the following:

- a. Attendance records, by class admission date, indicating that all missed hours are made-up by end of term and indicating appropriate make-up for missed hours;
- b. Correlation of theory and clinical experience for make-up hours and specialty rotations, including provision of specialty rotations in accordance with the Board-approved Instructional Plan; and
- c. Adequate clinical facilities to support the enrolled student population in a manner that is consistent with the Board-approved Instructional Plan.

Further, the AEO required the program to submit, no later than **January 15, 2016**, a licensure pass rate improvement plan that provides for support of all currently enrolled students, including those approaching graduation.

The AEO denied the program's request to admit one (1) part-time class of 40 students beginning November 30, 2015, graduating June 18, 2017; **and** denied the program's request to admit one (1) full-time class of 45 students beginning January 11, 2016, graduating January 13, 2017.

The AEO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: The program's current average annual pass rate is **57%**, which is **15** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's average annual pass rate has been steadily declining over the past year and is now **18 percentage points lower than at this time last year.**

To date in 2015, the Board has received a total of **six (6) student complaints** and **two (2) faculty complaints**. An unannounced program inspection conducted on August 18 and 19, 2015 identified a total of **11 violations**. An additional violation was recently identified. Currently, a total of **four (4) violations remain uncorrected**, including lack of adequate clinical facilities such that students can accomplish program objectives in a manner consistent with the Board-approved Instructional Plan. In responding to the violations, the program has submitted numerous documents from two (2) directors that outline plans to correct the violations. It is necessary at this time that the program submit, for Board approval, the five (5) policies listed, above and it is necessary for the program to identify a timeline for implementation of those revised policies.

In an effort to obtain Board approval to admit students and with limitations on available clinical facilities for some rotations, the program

has submitted placement plans that are **not consistent** with the Board-approved Instructional Plan.

Due to declining pass rates on the licensure examination with two (2) quarters of non-compliant pass rates; an average annual pass rate that is now 15 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate; multiple consumer complaints; four (4) outstanding violations; and inadequate placements to support currently enrolled students, and the number of requested students, in a manner that is consistent with the Board-approved Instructional plan, the recommendation is to deny approval of the request to admit 40 part-time students on November 30, 2015 and 45 full-time students on January 11, 2016.

3. Unitek, College, Sacramento, VN Program – Consideration of Continued Approval; (Director: Samantha Manlosa Sanchez, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or visits determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program, was inspected on October 29, 2015. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The AEO continued approval of the Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program for the four-year period from October 7, 2015 to October 6, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) full-time class of 36 students four (4) times per year in March, June, October and November, only; **and**, one (1) part – time evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks, only; **and**,
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; **and**,
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program's average annual pass rates for Quarter 3 – 2015 is 17 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate, and has been compliant with regulatory requirements for fifteen (15) consecutive quarters.

A program record survey was completed on October 29, 2015. No violations of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations were identified. The program has demonstrated that there are adequate resources including faculty and facilities to support the current and prospective students.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter and performing approval surveys every four (4) years.

Effective December 9, 2015

4. Advanced College VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students; Consideration of Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Minnie Douglas, Los Angeles, Private)

The Advanced College VN Program is requesting Board approval to admit a class of 45 students on January 18, 2016; graduating January 15, 2017. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate on January 17, 2016.

The program is requesting approval to admit a class of 45 students on May 16, 2016; graduating May 7, 2017. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 15, 2016.

The program is requesting approval to admit a class of 45 students on September 5, 2016; graduating August 27, 2017. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 4, 2015.

Additionally, the program is requesting approval of on-going admissions of 45 students per class, three (3) times a year, to **replace** graduating classes only.

The AEO denied Advanced College VN Program's request to admit a class of 45 students on January 18, 2016; graduating January 15, 2017, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on January 17, 2016; **and** approved the program's admission of a class of 30 students on January 18, 2016, graduating January 15, 2017, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on January 17, 2016; **and** denied the program's request to admit a class of 45 students on May 18, 2016, graduating May 8, 2017, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 17, 2015; **and** denied the program's request to admit a class of 45 students on September 7, 2016, graduating August 28, 2017, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 6, 2015; **and** denied the programs request for on-going admissions of three (3) classes of 45 students each per year, to **replace** graduating classes only.

Also, the AEO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** required the director to submit a report to the Board that includes a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to

improve program pass rates, timelines for expected results, and the effectiveness of corrective actions taken to address the declining program pass rates, no later than **March 1, 2016**. The following elements must be addressed:

- 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. Grading Policy
- l. Remediation Policy.
- m. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- n. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- p. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

Rationale: The Advanced College VN Program was placed on provisional approval for the two-year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements relative to program pass rates. **At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 38%.**

On February 22, 2013, the Board granted full approval of the program. **At that time the program's average annual pass rate was 82%**, an improvement of 44 percentage points. The program has remained compliant with regulatory requirements since that time. However, data obtained from Pearson Vue for first time test takers specifies that over the last four (4) consecutive quarters, the program's average annual pass rates have ranged from 62% to 64% which is 8 to 10 percentage points **below** state average annual pass rates. As such, the recommendation to approve a class of 30 students commencing in January 2016, and deny the requested classes in May and September of 2016, will allow the director time required to evaluate the declining pass rates and implement interventions to address the deficit.

5. Advanced Medical School of Nursing, Berkeley, VN Program. Request to Admit Students (Director: Melissa Gove, Berkeley, Contra Costa, Private)

Advanced Medical College of Nursing, Berkeley, VN Program requests approval to admit its initial class of 45 students plus four (4) alternates on April 4, 2016. The program is 51 weeks in length. Graduation of the initial class is scheduled for April 30, 2017.

The program was initially approved to commence its initial class on September 2, 2014. However, admission was delayed due to the absence of the program's approval to operate by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).

The AEO approved the Advanced Medical School of Nursing, Berkeley, VN Program's request to admit its initial class of 45 students and four (4) alternates on April 4, 2016, **only**, with a projected graduation date of April 30, 2017; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Article 5. Schools Section 2526 (c) which states:

"A Board representative shall make a survey visit prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval."

Rationale: The school has demonstrated compliance with requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Article 5. Schools of Vocational Nursing.

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

6. Advanced Medical School of Nursing, Pittsburg, VN Program. Request to Admit Students (Director: Melissa Gove, Berkeley, Contra Costa, Private)

Advanced Medical College of Nursing, Pittsburg, VN Program requests approval to admit its initial class of 45 students plus four (4) alternates on January 11, 2016. The program is 51 weeks in length. Graduation of the initial class is scheduled for February 11, 2017.

The program was initially approved to commence its initial class on August 1, 2014. However, admission was delayed due to the absence of the program's approval to operate by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).

The AEO approved the Advanced Medical School of Nursing, Pittsburg, VN Program's request for approval to admit its initial class of 45 students and four (4) alternates on January 11, 2016, **only**, with a projected graduation date of February 11, 2017; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Article 5. Schools Section 2526 (c) which states:

"A Board representative shall make a survey visit prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval."

Rationale: The school has demonstrated compliance with requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Article 5. Schools of Vocational Nursing. In addition, submitted documents and information confirms the program's approval by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

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

7. American College of Nursing PT Program – Consideration of Violations Identified During Unannounced Onsite Inspection (Director: Faye Silva, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)

On November 18 and 19, 2015, an unannounced onsite program inspection was conducted at The American College of Nursing, PT Program. This report is to consider the current status of previously recognized violations identified during October 2014 unannounced program inspection.

On May 15, 2015, the Board placed the program on provisional approval for the two (2) year period from May 15, 2015 through May 31, 2017. The program was required to comply with all requirements specified in the PT Law and PT Rules and Regulations. The program was required to demonstrate sustained progress in correction of the eleven (11) identified violations. Further, the program was required to admit no additional students without prior approval by the Board.

In summary, the program has had four (4) directors in less than a one year period. Since placement on provisional approval on May 15, 2015, the Board received notification of the program director's termination. On June 4, 2015, the Board approved a new program director. During the November 2015 onsite inspection, no new violations were identified.

On September 2, 2015, the program was approved to admit 20 evening students starting November 16, 2015, with a projected graduation date of November 23, 2016. To date, that class has not been admitted. Admission of the next class is scheduled for December 15, 2015.

The AEO required the program to submit a detailed written explanation regarding the lack of correction of violations identified in October 2014, no later than **December 15, 2015**. The explanation shall include the following:

- a. Required corrections of identified violations as specified in the *Notice of Change in Approval Status* dated June 12, 2015;
- b. Program's reported correction of all violations in June 2015;
- c. Lack of evidence confirming correction in November 2015

Rationale: Since September 23, 2014, the American College of Nursing, Psychiatric Technician Program has lacked consistent and active administration by a Board approved director during a time when students are enrolled. That failure was evidenced by the following:

- a. Termination of the program director on September 23, 2014;
- b. Program failure to hire a new director approved by the Board until December 16, 2014;
- c. The program's termination of the new director effective April 13, 2015; and
- d. Program appointment and Board - approval of a new director on April 13, 2015.

Further, the program failed to correct six (6) of the 11 violations identified during an unannounced onsite inspection conducted October 14 and 15, 2014.

Given the program's persistent instability in program administration and its failure to correct identified violations of the California Code of Regulations, the Board placed the program on provisional approval through May 31, 2017. Additionally, the program was required to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional classes.

On June 29, 2015, documentation submitted to the Board substantiates that all of the identified violations have been addressed was submitted. Adherence to the submitted policies should correct identified violations. However, on November 17 and 18, 2015, the Board conducted an unannounced onsite inspection where six (6) of the previous violations were found to have not been corrected.

Currently, the program's average annual pass rates is **50%**, which is **28 percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate. Since the initiation of the programs, there have been **28** graduates, **fifteen (15)** have taken the licensure examination and **ten (10)** passed.

Due to the substantial decrease in the pass rates and the identification of the six (6) violations that remain uncorrected, it is prudent for the full board to reconsider the programs provisional approval. Additionally, due to the lack of correction of the previously identified violations it is prudent to require the program to continue to request all future classes from the Board.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, and analyzing the program's resources and progress in correcting current violations.

8. Blake Austin College, Vacaville, VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Jennifer Cannon, Vacaville, Solano County, Private)

On June 19, 2015, after the identification of a violation during the Program Record Survey, the Blake Austin College, Vacaville, VN Program's approval of ongoing admissions was rescinded and correction of the violation was required prior to granting continued approval of the program.

On July 16, 2015, documentation of correction of the violation was received by the Board and the program was granted continued approval for the period September 16, 2014 through September 15, 2018.

The program is now requesting approval to admit 40 students to a full-time class beginning January 4, 2016 and graduating December 18, 2016.

The AEO approved the Blake Austin College VN Program's request to admit forty (40) students into a full-time day class beginning January 4, 2016, **only**, graduating December 18, 2016; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has consistently been **above** the state average annual pass rate. With a current average annual pass rate of 92%, the program's pass rate is now **20** percentage points **above** the state's average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated adequate resources to support the current and proposed students. Approval of the program's request to admit students is warranted at this time.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, assessing program resources when requesting to admit students, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

9. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)

The director of the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program requests approval to admit 28 part-time students currently enrolled in the California Career Institute, Hawthorne, VN Program. The enrolled students were admitted on June 15, 2015 with graduation projected for February 19, 2017.

The request is made pursuant to the program's approval by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) designating the California Career Institute,

Hawthorne campus as a satellite of the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program.

Additionally the program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students, commencing on December 15, 2015, and scheduled to graduate on July 14, 2017. This is not a replacement class. The class would be delivered at the Hawthorne satellite classroom.

The AEO approved the California Career Institute - Garden Grove VN Program's request admit 28 students currently enrolled at the Hawthorne campus, effective immediately. Classes will be held at the Hawthorne campus. The AEO denied the program's request to admit 30 PT students commencing on December 15, 2015 and graduating on July 14, 2017. This is not a replacement class. Additionally, the AEO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to admission of any additional classes.

Rationale: On June 12, 2015 the Board notified the program that information provided by the BPPE specified that the approval of the California Career Institute, Hawthorne campus expired on April 15, 2015. The program was requested to submit documentation substantiating current BPPE approval no later than July 17, 2015.

On July 27, 2015, the program submitted documentation from the BPPE specifying approval of the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, as a Main Location and the Hawthorne campus as a Satellite location only, with institutional approval to expire on April 15, 2019. Such approval is inconsistent with the owners' prior request and subsequent September 19, 2012 Board approval of the California Career Institute, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program.

The program now requests approval to combine the two programs by suspending the California Career Institute, Hawthorne program, and absorbing the Hawthorne students into the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program.

Transferring the enrolled students into the Garden Grove program and utilization of the Hawthorne site as a satellite classroom only will comply with requirements for vocational nursing programs specified in the Business and Professions Code and requirements for private postsecondary institutions specified in the Education Code of 2009.

The documents provided by the programs and Board records confirm faculty, and clinical sites that are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated, to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives. However, due to the declining pass rates it is appropriate to deny the requested class.

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.

10. California Career Institute, Hawthorne, VN Program – Program Closure (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, Private)

The California Career Institute, Hawthorne VN Program, requests suspension of its program approval status until Branch approval can be obtained from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). The current California Career Institute, Hawthorne will be utilized as a satellite classroom site only.

Additionally, the program requests approval to transfer all currently enrolled students to the California Career Institute Garden Grove, VN Program, with classes to be held at the Hawthorne satellite site.

The AEO denied the California Career Institute, Hawthorne, VN Program's request to suspend the program effectively immediately; **and** closed the California Career Institute, Hawthorne, VN Program, effectively immediately; **and** transferred students currently enrolled in the program to the California Career Institute Garden Grove VN Program, effective immediately.

Rationale: On September 19, 2012, the Board approved the request of the California Career Institute, Hawthorne to begin a VN program. An initial class of 30 students was admitted in September 2013.

In April 2015, the Board received information confirming that the school did not hold current approval from the BPPE to operate a program. On June 2015, the Board notified the California Career Institute Hawthorne campus, that the program required BPPE approval.

On July 27, 2015, the program reported the school held current approval issued by BPPE. However, pursuant to the terms of the BPPE approval, California Career Institute, Hawthorne is approved as a satellite site only

Closure of the California Career College, Hawthorne, VN Program is compliant with the school's current approval to operate by BPPE. Transferring the enrolled students into the Garden Grove program and utilization of the Hawthorne site as a satellite classroom only will comply with requirements for vocational nursing programs specified in the Business and Professions Code and requirements for private postsecondary institutions specified in the Education Code of 2009.

The documents provided by the programs and Board records confirm faculty, and clinical sites that are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated, to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives.

11. Community Enhancement Services (CES) VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Oleg Khilkevich, Burbank, Los Angeles County, Private).

The Community Enhancement Services (CES) VN Program is requesting Board approval to admit a class of 20 full - time evening students, commencing on January 11, 2016, and expected to graduate on April 19, 2017. This class will **replace** the students who graduated on August 7, 2015.

The AEO approved Community Enhancement Services (CES) VN Program's request to admit a class of 20 full-time evening students on January 11, 2016, and graduating on April 19, 2017, **only**, to **replace** the students who graduated on August 7, 2015; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: Published examination data demonstrate the program's difficulties maintaining compliant annual average pass rates. Statistics confirmed the program's **noncompliance for seven (7) of the previous nine (9) consecutive quarters**. Board files substantiate prior efforts to achieve sustained improvement. As such, an unannounced site visit was conducted in August 2015; four (4) violations were identified.

On October 7, 2015, the program submitted a plan of actions which were initiated on September 1, 2015. If the director retains all of the actions identified in the plan, all four (4) violations will be considered corrected.

The current quarter 3, 2015, average annual pass rate is 66% which is six (6) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. This is a significant increase from the quarter 2, 2015, 48%. The quarterly pass rate is 92%, representing 12 of 13 CES first time test takers passed the NCLEX-PN® examination.

Submitted documentation and Board records substantiate that the program has adequate resources including faculty and facilities for students to achieve programmatic learning objectives. Considering the initiated plan to correct violations and the substantial increase in the average annual pass rate it is reasonable to approve the requested class.

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.

12. Kaplan College, North Hollywood, VN Program - Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Faye Silverman, North Hollywood, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or visit all schools of vocational nursing in

California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or visits determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Kaplan College, North Hollywood, VN Program in November 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The AEO continued approval of the Kaplan, North Hollywood, VN Program for the period September 28, 2015 through September 27, 2019, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) full-time class of 40 students three (3) times per year to **replace** graduating students, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; **and**,
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has been within 10 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the past seven (7) consecutive quarters. The current average annual pass rate is 70%. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Therefore, continued approval of the program is recommended at this time.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

13. National Career College VN Program – Report of Survey for Initial Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Lily Lee-Martyn, Panorama City, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Survey Inspection was completed of the National Career College VN Program in on October 6 and 7, 2015. The program was reviewed to determine

compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. A total of two (2) violations were identified and subsequently corrected.

The AEO approved the National Career College VN Program for the four – year period from December 9, 2015 through December 8, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program’s request to admit one (1) class of 30 full-time students, beginning February 1, 2016 and graduating June 16, 2017, **only; and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program is in now compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations and has demonstrated sufficient resources to meet program objectives.

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

14. San Bernardino Adult School, VN Program. Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Carita Dickson, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Public)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board’s duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives’ inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was submitted to the Board by the San Bernardino Adult School, VN Program on September 16, 2015. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The AEO continued approval for the San Bernardino Adult School VN Program for the four – year period from November 14, 2015, through November 13, 2019, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program’s pattern of admissions to **replace** graduating classes with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program’s approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program’s pattern of admissions includes two (2) part-time (17 month, 24 hours per week) classes of 30 students every 17 months.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

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

Rationale: A program record survey was completed on November 12, 2015. No violations of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations were identified. The program has demonstrated that there are adequate resources including faculty and facilities to support the current and prospective students.

Over the previous ten (10) quarters, the program's average annual licensure pass rate has remained consistent at 100%. The program's current average annual pass rate is **28** percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Based on these statistics, approval of continued approval and continued ongoing admissions is supported.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter and performing approval surveys every four (4) years.

15. Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program – Consideration of Program Record Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Dawn Lopez, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was submitted by the Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program in September 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violation were identified.

The AEO continued approval of the Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program for a four-year period from December 5, 2015 through December 4, 2019, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admission pattern to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes admission of one (1) class of 35 students every 30 weeks, to **replace** graduating students, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

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

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program's average annual pass rates for Quarter 3 – 2015 is 24 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate, and has been compliant with regulatory requirements for eighteen (18) consecutive quarters.

A Program Record Survey was completed on November 12, 2015. No violations of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations were identified. The program has demonstrated that there are adequate resources including faculty and facilities to support the current and prospective students.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter and performing approval surveys every four (4) years.

16. Trinity School of Health and Allied Sciences VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Mark Acedo, Gardena, Los Angeles County, Private)

Trinity School of Health and Allied Sciences VN Program requests Board approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing January 9, 2016 with a projected graduation date of June 16, 2017, to **replace** students who graduated November 17, 2015.

The AEO approved Trinity School of Health and Allied Sciences VN Program request to admit a full time class of 30 students commencing January 9, 2016 with a projected graduation date of June 16, 2017, **only**, to **replace** students who graduated November 17, 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: Based on published examination statistics the program's most current Quarter 3, 2015 average annual average pass rate is 71%, which is 1 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate for first time test takers. The program did not commence the approved June 2015, class due to inadequate time to populate the class.

The program has provided documentation substantiating adequate resources, faculty and facilities, to deliver the approved program at the current and requested enrollment.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

17. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Karen Hall, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)

West Coast Ultrasound, Beverly Hills, VN Program requests approval to admit 15 students into a 15-month full-time evening class commencing on January 4, 2016 and graduating on March 26, 2017, **replacing** a class scheduled to graduate in December 2015.

The AEO approved West Coast Ultrasound, Beverly Hills, VN Program's request to admit 15 students into a 15-month full-time program commencing on January 4, 2016 projected to graduate on March 26, 2017, only, **replacing** a class scheduled to graduate in December 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Published examination scores demonstrate the program's difficulties maintaining compliant pass rates on the licensure examination. The program was previously required to identify program deficiencies and develop an applicable plan of correction. Improvement was confirmed during Quarters 1 through 4 of 2014. However, a marked decline was identified during Quarters 1 through 3, 2015. On November 3, 2015, the program submitted the required program analysis, examining the effectiveness of previously implemented actions plans. Based on published examination statistics for Quarter 3, 2015, the program's average annual average pass rate is **59%**, which is **13** percentage points **below** the State average annual pass rate for first time test takers. Prior to admitting additional students into the program, it is prudent to evaluate the pass rates of students who benefited from the execution of the newly implemented strategies.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

Effective December 10, 2015

18. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program – Reconsideration of Decision Denying Approval of Request to Admit Students. (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)

The director of the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program requests reconsideration of the AEO's decision rendered December 9, 2015, denying the program's request to admit a class of 30 students, commencing on December 15, 2015, and scheduled to graduate on July 14, 2017. This is not a replacement class. The class would be delivered at the Hawthorne satellite classroom.

The AEO reaffirmed the December 9, 2015 decision denying the California Career Institute - Garden Grove VN Program's request to admit 30 PT students commencing on December 15, 2015 and graduating on July 14, 2017. This is not a replacement class.

The AEO approved the program's admission of 20 PT students commencing on December 15, 2015 and graduating on July 14, 2017, only; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to admission of any additional classes.

Rationale: The documents provided by the program and Board records confirm faculty, and clinical sites that are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated, to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives. After reconsideration, denial of the program's proposed admission of 30 students on December 15, 2015 is upheld. The admission of 20 students is supported and will allow the time required to maximize student achievement.

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.

Effective December 18, 2015

19. Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Laarni Gallardo, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Adult School)

The Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center VN Program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students on February 29, 2016, to graduate on December 6, 2016, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate on March 2, 2016.

The AEO approved Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center, VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on February 29, 2016, **only**, with a projected graduation date of December 6, 2016, to **replace** the students scheduled to graduate on March 2, 2016; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's current average annual pass rate is 79%, which is seven (7) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate for first time testers. The program has remained compliant with regulatory requirement for the six (6) most recent quarters (April 2014 through September 2015).

The program has provided documentation and materials that confirm adequate resources to administer the program, meet student learning

and program objectives, and achieve the educational objective of the program.

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

20. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program – Request to Change the Pattern of Admissions (Director: Larisa Revzina, Modesto, San Joaquin County, Private)

On June 12, 2012, the EO approved the Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students such that the program may admit four (4) classes, two (2) day classes of 36 students and two (2) evening classes of 36 students, admitting in January and July per year. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was **80%**.

On June 9, 2015, the AEO denied the program's request to increase the number of students from 36 per class to 50 per class. The program was approved to admit a total of 40 students to the July 2015 day and evening classes, **only**, and ongoing admissions of four (4) classes, two (2) day classes of 36 students and two (2) evening classes of 36 students, admitting in January and July per year was continued. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was **78%**. However, the quarterly pass rate at that time was **54%**.

On November 23, 2015, the program submitted a request to change the pattern of ongoing admissions such that a total of **45** students are admitted to two (2) day classes and two (2) evening classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes. The next two (2) classes would begin January 4, 2016 and graduate January 27, 2017. They would **replace** classes scheduled to graduate on January 6, 2016. The program further requested that if processing of this request could not be completed for the January 4, 2016 admission, the increase in the number of students approved for admission begin with the July 2016 classes. Final documents in support of this request were received on December 18, 2015.

The AEO denied Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program's request to change the pattern of ongoing admissions to four (4) classes, two (2) day classes of 45 students and two (2) evening classes of 45 students, admitting in January and July per year; **and** approved the Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program's request to change the pattern of ongoing admissions with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes four (4) classes, two (2) day classes of **43** students and two (2) evening classes of **43** students, admitting in January and July per year; and,

- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; and,
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

Rationale: The program has consistently been compliant with pass rates on the licensure examination. The program's current average annual pass rate is **79%**, which is **seven (7)** percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated adequate physical resources, adequate faculty, and adequate clinical facilities to support the requested increase in the number of students admitted.

The program has demonstrated adequate physical resources, adequate faculty, and adequate clinical facilities to support up to **40 students** in two classes twice per year, in addition to the currently enrolled students.

21. Los Angeles Unified School District, East Los Angeles Occupational Center, VN Program – Report of Program Closure (Director: Vacant, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

On June 24, 1968, the Board approved Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) request to begin a vocational nursing program. By 2002, this program, one of ten (10) operated by the LAUSD, was known as the East Los Angeles Occupational Center VN Program.

On August 18, 2015, the Board received written correspondence from the LAUSD that confirmed closure of the program with no intent to reinstate the VN Program.

The AEO accepted the voluntary closure of the Los Angeles Unified School District, East Los Angeles Occupational Center, VN Program; **and** removed the program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

Rationale: The LAUSD has confirmed the official closure of the vocational nursing program. The district reports no plans to offer a vocational nursing program in the future.

22. Los Angeles Unified School District, Jordan Locke Community Adult Campus, VN Program – Report of Program Closure (Director: Vacant, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

On June 24, 1968, the Board approved Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) request to begin a vocational nursing program. By 2002, this program, one of ten (10) operated by the LAUSD, was known as the Jordan Locke Community Adult School.

On August 18, 2015, the Board received written correspondence from the LAUSD that confirmed closure of the program with no intent to reinstate the VN Program.

The AEO accepted the voluntary closure of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Jordan Locke Community Adult School, VN Program; **and** removed the program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

Rationale: The LAUSD has confirmed the official closure of the vocational nursing program. The district reports no plans to offer a vocational nursing program in the future.

23. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Technology Center (formerly the Mid-Wilshire Adult Education Center) VN Program – Report of Program Closure (Director: Vacant, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

On June 24, 1968, the Board approved Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) request to begin a VN Program. The program later became known as the Mid-Wilshire Adult Education Center. After March 2010, the program was known as the Los Angeles Technology Center.

On August 18, 2015, the Board received written correspondence from the LAUSD that confirmed closure of the program with no intent to reinstate the VN Program.

The AEO accepted the voluntary closure of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Technology Center, VN Program; **and** removed the program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

Rationale: The LAUSD has confirmed the official closure of the vocational nursing program. The district reports no plans to offer a vocational nursing program in the future.

24. Los Angeles Unified School District, Manual Arts/Crenshaw Community Adult School VN Program – Report of Closure (Director: Vacant, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

On June 24, 1968, the Board approved Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) request to begin a vocational nursing program. By 2002, the program was known as the Crenshaw Community Adult School.

On August 18, 2015, the Board received written correspondence from the LAUSD that confirmed closure of the program with no intent to reinstate the VN Program.

The AEO accepted the voluntary closure of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Manual Arts/Crenshaw Community Adult School, VN Program; **and** removed the program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

Rationale: The LAUSD has confirmed the official closure of the vocational nursing program. The district reports no plans to offer a vocational nursing program in the future.

25. Los Angeles Unified School District, West Valley Occupational Center, VN Program – Report of Closure (Director: Vacant, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

On June 24, 1968, the Board approved Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) request to begin a VN Program. The program later became known as the LAUSD, West Valley Occupational Center, VN Program.

On August 18, 2015, the Board received written correspondence from the LAUSD that confirmed closure of the program with no intent to reinstate the VN Program.

The AEO accepted the voluntary closure of the Los Angeles Unified School District, West Valley Occupational Center, VN Program; **and** removed the program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

Rationale: The LAUSD has confirmed the official closure of the vocational nursing program. The district reports no plans to offer a vocational nursing program in the future.

26. Pacific College VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: VACANT, Costa Mesa, Orange County - Private)

The Pacific College VN Program requests approval to change its pattern of admissions as follows:

- Increase the number of part-time classes from 12 to 18 annually.
- Increase the number of full-time classes from 4 to 12 annually.
- Increase enrollment for each class from 30 to 60 students per class.
- Change the pattern of admissions to admit full-time and part-time classes as in the chart below.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Additionally the program requests approval to admit a part – time class of 45 students and a full – time class of 45 students to begin in April 2016 in the Chino Valley School District. This is in addition to the on-going admissions.

The AEO required Pacific College VN Program to have a director who meets requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2529 (c) by **January 15, 2016**. The AEO denied the program's request to increase the number and frequency of student admissions per full – time class **from** four (4) classes of 30 students **to** twelve (12) classes of 60 students; **and** approved the program's admission of twelve (12) full – time classes of 45 students annually effective February 1, 2016, **contingent upon submission of the following, prior to admission:**

- a. Approval of adequate faculty for the proposed enrollment who meet requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2529.
- b. Documentation verifying sufficient resources, staff, physical space, equipment and materials as specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (a).
- c. Approval of clinical facilities sufficient to afford the number type and variety of patients that will provide clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory, for the proposed student enrollment, as specified in Section 2534 (b) of the California Code of Regulations.
- d. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The AEO denied the program's request to increase the number and frequency of student admissions per part – time class from 12 classes of 30 students to 18 classes of 60 students; **and** approved the program's admission of 18 part – time classes of 45 students annually **contingent upon submission of the following, prior to admission:**

- a. Approval of adequate faculty for the proposed enrollment who meet requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2529.
- b. Documentation verifying sufficient resources, staff, physical space, equipment and materials as specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (a).
- c. Approval of clinical facilities sufficient to afford the number type and variety of patients that will provide clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory, for the proposed student enrollment, as specified in Section 2534 (b) of the California Code of Regulations.
- d. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The AEO approved the program's admission of 1 full – time class of 45 students to be held at the Chino Hills School District, effective April 1, 2016, **contingent upon the director's submission of the following, prior to admission:**

- a. Approval of adequate faculty for the proposed enrollment who meet requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2529.
- b. Documentation verifying sufficient resources, staff, physical space, equipment and materials as specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (a).
- c. Approval of clinical facilities sufficient to afford the number type and variety of patients that will provide clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory, for the proposed student enrollment, as specified in Section 2534 (b) of the California Code of Regulations.
- d. Submission of documentation verifying BPPE approval.

The AEO approved the program's admission of 1 part – time class of 45 students to be held at the Chino Hills School District, effective April 1, 2016, **contingent upon the director's submission of the following, prior to admission:**

- a. Approval of adequate faculty for the proposed enrollment who meet requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2529.
- b. Documentation verifying sufficient resources, staff, physical space, equipment and materials as specified in California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (a).
- c. Approval of clinical facilities sufficient to afford the number type and variety of patients that will provide clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory, for the proposed student enrollment, as specified in Section 2534 (b) of the California Code of Regulations.
- d. Submission of documentation verifying BPPE approval.

Rationale: The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. However, at this time the program does not have adequate faculty and facilities to offer the proposed classes. The Program has retained RN Faculty Recruiters that will ensure adequate Nurse Instructor levels and will hire a Registered Nurse who has extensive experience in successfully expanding existing and new student capacity at clinical training sites. The program agrees to provide the Board with applications for faculty and facilities adequate for the proposed enrollment prior to admitting a class.

The program is in the process of obtaining BPPE approval for the part time and full time classes at Chino Valley Unified, and is aware that BPPE approval is required prior to admitting students at any additional sites.

Board records furnished by Pearson VUE and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, substantiate that the program's has remained **compliant** with section 2530(l) of the VN Rules and Regulations **85.71% of the previous 14 consecutive quarters**. Based on the most current data available (July - Sept 2015), the program's average annual pass rate is **82%**, ten (10) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

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.

27. Homestead Schools VN Program - Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Adel Blanco, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or visit all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or visits determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey (PRS) was completed by the Homestead Schools VN Program in December 2015. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified.

In addition, the program has requested approval to admit three (3) classes of students:

- 1) One (1) full-time Day class of 30 students to begin January 19, 2016 and to graduate January 20, 2017
- 2) One (1) part-time Weekend class of 24 students to begin January 23, 2016 and to graduate November 25, 2017
- 3) One (1) full-time Evening class of 30 students to begin February 23, 2016 and to graduate February 24, 2017.

The AEO denied the Homestead Schools VN Program's request for ongoing approval; **and** placed the program on the Board's February 2016 agenda for consideration of provisional approval; **and** denied the program's request for approval to admit one (1) full-time day class of 30 students to begin January 19, 2016 and to graduate January 20, 2017; **and** denied the program's request for approval to admit one (1) part-time Weekend class of 24 students to begin January 23, 2016 and to graduate November 25, 2017; **and** denied the program's request for approval to admit one (1) full-time Evening class of 30 students to begin February 23, 2016 and to graduate February 24, 2017; **and** required the program to submit for Board approval curriculum objectives appropriate to the Board-approved Instructional Plan no later than February 15, 2016; **and** required the program to submit documentation that demonstrates a qualified

instructor will be responsible for clinical instruction, rather than a teacher assistant. Due no later than January 4, 2016. Additionally, the AEO required the program to submit for Board approval a revised policy for the evaluation of student performance to determine the need for remediation or removal from the program no later than February 15, 2016; **and** required the program to submit for Board approval a revised attendance policy that identifies criteria for attendance, the specific course objectives for which make-up time is required, and acceptable methods for make-up that are specific for theory and clinical time missed no later than February 15, 2016; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to require the program to admit classes on the date approved, **only**.

Rationale: The current licensing examination average annual pass rate for the program is **66%**, which is **six (6)** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program is **consistently below** the state average annual pass rate but has not remained greater than 10 percentage points below the average annual pass rate for more than three (3) consecutive quarters over the course of the program's history. For the past 15 quarters, represented above, the program has been below the state average annual pass rate for 12 quarters. Further, the program has been greater than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for five (5) of those 15 quarters.

To date, in 2015, a total of **six (6) violations** of the VN Rules and Regulations have been identified. A total of four (4) violations are **not** corrected. The documentation submitted in support of the current request to admit students indicates inadequate resources to support the number of proposed students. The Board has serious concern regarding some of the documentation submitted in support of ongoing approval. As such, denial of the request to admit students is warranted at this time. Further, with uncorrected violations, denial of the request for ongoing approval is recommended at this time. Therefore, the recommendation is offered to refer the program for consideration of provisional approval.

Effective January 14, 2016

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

The Curam College of Nursing, VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 20 students commencing February 9, 2016 with a projected graduation date of December 2, 2016. This is not a replacement class.

The AEO approved Curam College VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students starting February 9, 2016, graduating on December 2, 2016, **only**, this is not a replacement class, **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program has been compliant with regulatory requirements for the last five (5) most recent quarters (October 2014 to December 2015). The current average annual pass rate is 67%, five (5) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated adequate resources to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

29. Medical Allied Career Center VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Alfie Ignacio, Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Medical Allied Career Center VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 30 students commencing February 29, 2016 with a projected graduation date of April 18, 2017, to **replace** students who graduated October 30, 2015.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 20 students commencing on March 7, 2016, with a projected graduation date of October 18, 2017, to **replace** the students who graduated December 22, 2015.

The AEO approved the Medical Allied Career Center VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students commencing February 29, 2016 with a projected graduation date of April 18, 2017, only, to **replace** students who graduated October 30, 2015; **and** approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 20 students commencing on March 7, 2016 with a projected graduation date of October 18, 2017, only, to **replace** the students who graduated December 22, 2015; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: In April 2015, the director implemented a corrective action plan to increase NCLEX-PN® pass rates. Based on the most recent data available (October through December 2015), the program's average annual pass rate is 90%, which is 18 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate.

The program has provided documentation verifying the availability of resources, including faculty and facilities, adequate to deliver the approved program at the current enrollment.

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.

30. North West College, Long Beach, VN Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Kimberly Floyd, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, Private)

North West College, Long Beach, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a full - time day class commencing May 16, 2016, graduating on August 15, 2017, to **replace** the class graduating May 12, 2016.

The AEO approved the North West College, Long Beach, VN Program's request to admit 30 students into a full - time day class commencing May 16, 2016, graduating on August 15, 2017, to **replace** the class graduating May 12, 2016; **and** required the program to admit no additional classes unless approved by the Board.

Rationale: The program's Quarter 4, 2015 average annual pass rate is 100%, 28 percentage points above the state. The program has been compliant with regulatory requirements for the nine (9) most recent quarters. However, it is noted that five (5) consecutive quarters (July 2014 – September 2015) no program candidates tested.

The program has demonstrated adequate resources to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught.

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

31. Palo Verde Community College VN Program – Consideration of Major Curriculum Revision; Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Virginia Armstrong, Blythe, Riverside County – Community College)

The Palo Verde Community College VN Program was placed on provisional approval on February 13, 2015 due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements.

At the time of placement on provisional approval, the Board approved the program's request to admit 15 students on August 17, 2015 as a **replacement** class with some contingencies. On February 13, 2015, the Board also approved the recommendation that "the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the Board."

On July 16, 2015, the program requested to delay the start of that class until January 25, 2016, in order to complete a major curriculum revision.

The program is presented for consideration of a request to admit one (1) class of **15** students beginning January 25, 2016, graduating June 3, 2017, to **replace** the class that graduated June 5, 2015.

The program has also requested approval of a major curriculum revision.

The AEO approved the Palo Verde Community College VN Program's major vision of its curriculum, including its revised Instructional Plan, to include 1668 hours (Theory – 684; Clinical – 984); **and** approved the program's request for approval to admit one (1) class of **15** students beginning January 25, 2016, graduating June 3, 2017, **only**, **and** required the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, dates of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected dates of graduation by **February 15, 2016**; **and** required the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the Board.

Rationale Since placement on provisional approval in February 2015, the program has graduated 11 students, six (6) of whom have taken the licensing examination and passed. The program's average annual pass rate is currently **91%**, which is **19** percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program requested to delay the admission of the class that had been approved by the Board when the program was placed on provisional approval. The delay gave the program time to create a new curriculum and lesson plans. The program has presented a curriculum that is consistent with Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Therefore, the recommendation is to approve both the new curriculum and the program's request to admit one (1) class of students.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's progress by monitoring pass rates, resources when requesting students, Annual Reports, and the required follow-up reports as requested by the Board in February 2015.

32. Summit College, Colton, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Renee Sheehan, Colton, San Bernardino County, Private)

Summit College, Colton, VN Program has requested approval to admit the following classes:

- One (1) part-time class of **60** students beginning January 25, 2016, graduating September 3, 2017, to **replace** the class that will graduate January 10, 2016.
- One (1) full-time class of **60** students beginning February 1, 2016, graduating January 27, 2017, to **replace** the class that will graduate January 22, 2016.

The AEO denied the Summit College, Colton, VN Program's request for approval to admit one (1) part-time class of **60** students beginning January 25, 2016, graduating September 3, 2017, to **replace** the class that will graduate January 10, 2016; **and** denied the program's request for approval to admit one (1) full-time class of **60** students beginning February 1, 2016, graduating January 27, 2017, to **replace** the class that will graduate January 22, 2016; **and** required the program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:

- a. Submit all documentation in final form, and using the forms provided by the Board, no later than two (2) months prior to the month in which the first date of class is requested;
- b. Update all clinical facility applications that were approved greater than five (5) years prior to the requested start date of a class such that current contact information is provided for the purpose of verifying available placements for proposed students;
- c. Provide documentation of clinical placements in a manner that is consistent with the Board-approved Instructional Plans for full- and part-time programs.

Rationale: While the program's current average annual pass rate is two (2) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate, the program, after multiple requests, has failed to provide documentation of adequate resources to support the proposed students in a manner that is consistent with the VN Rules and Regulations. Specifically, the program lacks adequate specialty placements for 60 students such that instruction is offered in a manner that is consistent with the Board-approved Instructional Plans for both the full- and part-time programs and such that theory to clinical correlation is maintained for all students.

33. Unitek College, Fremont, VN Program – Request to Increase Ongoing Admissions (Director: Samantha Manlosa Sanchez, Fremont, Alameda County, Private)

The Unitek College, Fremont, VN Program, requests approval to increase the ongoing admission pattern from four (4) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks, to five (5) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks to replace graduating students only. The additional class would be scheduled to commence in August 2016 to **replace** the class graduating in August 2016.

The AEO approved Unitek College, Fremont, VN Program's request to increase the ongoing admissions to five (5) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one part-time evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks to **replace** graduating students only. The additional class would be scheduled to commence in August 2016 to replace the class graduating in August 2016. In addition, the AEO continued approval of the program's 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 Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of (1) full-time class of 36 students four (5) times per year in only, to **replace** students only; **and**, one (1) part – time evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks, to **replace** students only; **and**,

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

Rationale: The program's current (Quarter 4 - 2015) average annual pass rate is **75%, 3 percentage points above** the state. The program has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN® above the state average annual pass rate for the last 19 consecutive quarters (April 2011 - December 2015).

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four (4) years.

34. Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program – Request to Increase Ongoing Admissions; (Director: Samantha Manlosa Sanchez, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private).

The Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program, requests approval to increase the ongoing admission pattern from four (4) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks, to five (5) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks to replace graduating students only. The additional class would be scheduled to commence in August 2016 to **replace** the class graduating in August 2016.

The AEO approved the Unitek College, Sacramento, VN Program, request to increase the ongoing admission pattern to five (5) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one part-time evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks to replace graduating students only. The additional class would be scheduled to commence in August 2016, to **replace** the class graduating in August 2016. In addition, the AEO continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) full-time class of 36 students five (5) times per only; **and**, one (1) part – time evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks, to replace students only; **and**,
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; **and**,

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

Rationale: The program's current (Quarter 4 -2015) average annual pass rates is **88%, 16 percentage points above** the state average annual pass rate, and has been compliant with regulatory requirements for sixteen (16) consecutive quarters, January 2012 through December 2015.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four (4) years.

35. Unitek College, San Jose (formerly Santa Clara), VN Program – Request to Increase Ongoing Admissions (Director: Samantha Sanchez, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)

The Unitek College, San Jose, VN Program, requests approval to increase the ongoing admission pattern from four (4) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks, to five (5) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks to replace graduating students only. The additional class would be scheduled to commence in August 2016 to **replace** the class graduating in August 2016

The AEO approved the Unitek College, San Jose, VN Program's request to increase the ongoing admission pattern to five (5) full-time day classes per year, 36 students per class, and one part-time evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks to replace graduating students only. The additional class would be scheduled to commence in August 2016 to **replace** the class graduating in August 2016. In addition, the AEO continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) full-time class of 36 students five (5) times per year in, only; **and**, one (1) part – time evening class of 36 students every 66 weeks, to replace student only; **and**,
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; **and**,
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's current (Quarter 4 - 2015) average annual pass rate is 83%, 11 percentage points above the state. The program has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN® above the state average annual pass rate for the last 17 consecutive quarters (October 2011 - December 2015).

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four (4) years.

36. WestMed College, Merced, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Penelope Sawyer, Merced, Merced County, Private)

The WestMed College, Merced, VN Program requests approval to admit 20 students and two (2) alternates on July 26, 2016, with a projected graduation date of November 22, 2017, to **replace** the class graduating June 2, 2016.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit 20 students and two (2) alternates on October 17 2016, with a projected graduation date of January 11, 2018, to **replace** the class graduating on September 2, 2016.

The AEO approved WestMed College, Merced, VN Program's request to admit 20 students and two (2) alternates on July 26, 2016, with a projected graduation date of November 22, 2017, **only**, to **replace** the students who graduate June 2, 2016; **and** approved the program's request to admit 20 students and two (2) alternates on October 17, 2016, with a projected graduation date of January 11, 2018, **only**, to **replace** the students graduating on September 2, 2016; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional classes.

Rationale: As noted previously, the Board placed the WestMed College, Merced, VN Program on provisional approval from February 24, 2012 through February 28, 2014, due to the noncompliance with regulatory requirements relative to program pass rates. **At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 50%**, 25 percentage points **below** state average annual pass rates.

On February 13, 2015, the Board approved the program through February 12, 2019. **At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 79%**, seven (7) percentage points **above** state average annual pass rates.

The program's Quarter 4, 2015 average annual pass rate is 73%, one (1) percentage point above the state. The program has been compliant with regulatory requirements for the eight (8) most recent quarters.

The program provided documentation that confirms adequate resources, including faculty and facilities, to afford the current and proposed student population to achieve its educational objective.

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.