

AGENDA ITEM #18.A.3.



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SUBJECT: **Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program** – *Consideration of Request to Admit Students.* (Director: Adelwisa V. Blanco, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)

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Recommendations

1. Approve Homestead Schools, Inc., Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit one (1) full-time Day class of 24 students beginning September 19, 2016, graduating September 29, 2017, **only**.
2. Deny the program's request to admit one (1) part-time class of 24 students beginning September 10, 2016, graduating July 20, 2018, **only**.
3. Deny the program's request to admit one (1) full-time Evening class of 24 students beginning October 17, 2016, graduating October 20, 2017, **only**.
4. Place the program on the Board's **November 2016** agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.
5. Continue to require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
6. Require the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **October 1, 2016** and **every three (3) months, thereafter**.
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10. Failure to take these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.

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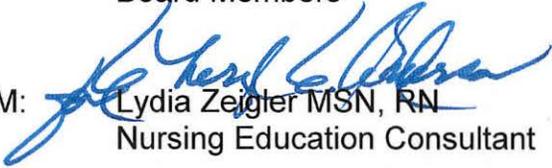
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The Board initially placed the program on provisional approval for the three (3) month period from February 5, 2016 through May 31, 2016, due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements. At that time, the program had six (6) uncorrected violations.

On May 13, 2016, the Board extended the program's provisional approval for the two (2) year period from May 13, 2016 through May 31, 2018, due to specific areas of non-compliance with regulatory requirements. Additionally, the Board approved the program's admission of two (2) of the three (3) requested classes.

The program now requests approval to admit three (3) classes: one (1) full-time day class of 24 students beginning September 19, 2016, graduating September 29, 2017; one (1) part-time of 24 students beginning September 10, 2016, graduating July 20, 2018; and one (1) full-time evening class of 24 students beginning October 17, 2016, graduating October 20, 2017.

History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A, History of Board Action)

Enrollment

The program offers full-time day and evening courses of instruction that are 50 weeks in length and a part-time weekend course of instruction that is 81 weeks in length. Board approval is required prior to the admission of each class.

The following table represents **current and proposed** student enrollment based on current class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 123 students** for the period from **January 2012 through June 2016**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		# Students Admitted	# Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
1/12 FT (Day)		30	24	24
2/12 FT (Eve)		11	20	24 + 20 = 44
4/12 PT		12	3	44 + 3 = 47
5/12 FT (Day)		27	7	47 + 7 = 54
9/12 FT (Eve)		20	14	54 + 14 = 68
9/12 FT (Day)		20	9	68 + 9 = 77
	12/12 (1/12 FT Day Class)		-24	77 - 24 = 53
1/13 FT (Day)		20	10	53 + 10 = 63
	1/13 (2/12 FT Eve)		-20	63 - 20 = 43
4/13 PT		22	10	43 + 10 = 53
	4/13 (5/12 FT Day Class)		-7	53 - 7 = 46
4/13 FT (Eve)		16	13	46 + 13 = 59
5/13 FT (Day)		30	11	59 + 11 = 70
	9/13 (9/12 FT Eve Class)		-14	70 - 14 = 56
	9/13 (9/12 FT Day Class)		-9	56 - 9 = 47
10/13 FT (Day) (Approved for 9/16/13)		26	10	47 + 10 = 57
11/13 PT (Approved for 9/21/13)		20	9	57 + 9 = 66
	12/13 (4/12 PT class)	12	-3	66 - 3 = 63
	1/14 (1/13 FT Day Class)		-10	63 - 10 = 53
2/14 FT (Day) (Approved for 6/24/13)		26	10	53 + 10 = 63
2/14 FT (Eve) (Approved for 9/16/13)		19	6	63 + 6 = 69
3/14 PT (Approved for 6/29/13)		11	9	69 + 9 = 78

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		# Students Admitted	# Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
	4/14 (5/13 FT Day Class)		-11	78 - 11 = 67
	4/14 (4/13 FT Eve Class)		-13	67 - 13 = 54
6/14 FT (Day) (Approved for 4/8/14)		29	10	54 + 10 = 64
6/14 PT (Approved for 4/21/14)		20	11	64 + 11 = 75
6/14 FT (Eve) (Approved for 4/21/14)		12	7	75 + 7 = 82
	9/14 (10/13 FT Day Class)		-10	82 - 10 = 72
	11/14 (4/13 PT Class)		-10	72 - 10 = 62
1/15 FT (Day)		28	22	62 + 22 = 84
1/15 FT (Eve)		20	15	84 + 15 = 99
	2/15 (2/14 FT Day Class)		-10	99 - 10 = 89
	2/15 (2/14 FT Eve Class)		-6	89 - 6 = 83
	2/15 (4/13 PT Class)		-10	83 - 10 = 73
4/15 PT	2/17	22	15	73 + 15 = 88
4/15 FT (Day)		20	20	88 + 20 = 108
5/15 FT (Eve)		10	10	108 + 10 = 118
	5/15 (6/9/14 FT Day Class)		-10	118 - 10 = 110
	6/15 (6/14 FT Eve Class)		-7	110 - 7 = 103
	6/15 (11/13 PT Class)		-9	103 - 9 = 94
	12/15 (1/15 FT Day Class)		-22	94 - 22 = 72
	1/16 (1/15 FT Eve Class)		-15	72 - 15 = 57
	1/16 (3/14 PT Class)		-9	57 - 9 = 48
	4/16 (4/15 FT Day Class)		-20	48 - 20 = 28

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		# Students Admitted	# Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
	4/16 (formerly to be 1/16) (6/14 PT Class)		-11	28 - 11 = 17
	5/16 (5/15 FT Eve Class)		-10	17 - 10 = 7
5/16 FT (Day)	5/17	24	20	7 + 20 = 27
6/16 FT (Eve)	6/17	24	24	27 + 24 = 51
9/16 PT (Proposed)		24		51 + 24 = 75
9/16 FT (Day) (Proposed)		24		75 + 24 = 99
10/16 FT (Eve) (Proposed)		24		99 + 24 = 123

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by Pearson Vue and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction" for the period January 2012 through March 2016, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical (Vocational) Nurses (NCLEX-PN®) and the variance from state average annual pass rates.

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate [CCR §2530(l)]	Variance from State Average Annual Pass Rate
Jan - Mar 2012	11	7	64%	77%	61%	74%	-13
Apr - Jun 2012	8	5	63%	72%	62%	74%	-12
Jul - Sep 2012	17	11	65%	74%	62%	74%	-12
Oct - Dec 2012	19	15	79%	70%	69%	74%	-5
Jan - Mar 2013	19	15	79%	75%	73%	73%	0
Apr - Jun 2013	26	18	69%	78%	73%	73%	0
Jul - Sep 2013	21	12	57%	75%	71%	74%	-3
Oct - Dec 2013	27	18	67%	76%	68%	76%	-8
Jan - Mar 2014	26	17	65%	74%	65%	76%	-11
Apr - Jun 2014	15	7	47%	66%	61%	73%	-12

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Jul – Sep 2014	14	11	79%	72%	65%	73%	-8
Oct – Dec 2014	9	7	78%	72%	66%	72%	-6
Jan – Mar 2015	5	3	60%	73%	65%	71%	-6
Apr – Jun 2015	9	4	44%	69%	68%	72%	-4
Jul – Sep 2015	15	11	73%	73%	66%	72%	-6
Oct – Dec 2015	10	8	80%	75%	67%	72%	-5
Jan – Mar 2016	2	2	100%	73%	69%	72%	-3
April – Jun 2016	5	5	100%	75%	81%	74%	+7

*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.”

As demonstrated in the data for the most recent period, April through June 2016, the program’s average annual pass rate was **81%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time is **74%**. Based on this data, the program’s average annual licensure pass rate is **seven (7) percentage points above** the state average annual pass rate.

The data presented above also documents for the 18 quarters represented, the program’s average annual pass rate has been **below** the state average annual pass rate **for 17 quarters**. Of the 18 quarters represented, only one (1) quarter was above the average annual passing rate for California graduates of approved programs completing initial NCLEX/PN testing.

Faculty and Facilities

Section 2534(d) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"For supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor."

The total number of Board approved faculty is 26, including the program director, 22 instructors, and three (3) Additional Faculty. The director has 100% administrative duties. Of the total faculty, 24 are approved to teach in the clinical area.

Based on a maximum enrollment of 123 students, nine (9) instructors are required for clinical instruction. Therefore, the **total** number of current faculty is **adequate** for the current and proposed enrollment.

Section 2534 (b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Schools shall have clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of patients treated, to provide clinical experience for all students in the areas specified by Section 2533. There must be available for student assignment, an adequate daily census of patients to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught.”

The program now has clinical facilities that are **adequate** as to type and variety of patients treated to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives in accordance with Section 2534(b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

Other Considerations

As noted in the February 2016 report, Board records substantiate ongoing communication with the program since 2014 regarding the following concerns:

- Policies related to the evaluation of student performance to determine the need for remediation or removal from the program.
- Adequacy of clinical facilities and proposed placement of students in clinical experiences.
- Concern regarding the low number of graduates taking the licensure examination.

This concern was identified prior to 2012 and continued into 2014 when the Board required a comprehensive analysis. In that analysis the program's own data demonstrated that **over 20% of the students who complete program hours are unable to complete the program's exit requirements.**

An unannounced program inspection was scheduled for January 6 and 7, 2016. Two (2) Board representatives conducted the inspection. Three (3) additional violations were identified and a *Notice of Violations* was forwarded to the program via electronic and certified mail on January 12, 2016.

At the time of the Board Meeting on February 5, 2016, the program had corrected one (1) violation and had presented plans that, should they be consistently implemented, would correct two (2) additional violations. The program at that time had six (6) uncorrected violations. Accordingly, the Board placed the program on provisional approval for the three-month period ending May 31, 2016.

On May 13, 2016, the Board extended the program's provisional approval through May 31, 2018, and scheduled reconsideration of the program's status for the May 2018 Board meeting. At that time, the Board considered the program's requests for approval to additional class admissions. The following decisions were rendered.

1. The program's admission of a full – time day class of 24 students commencing May 16, 2016, graduating May 12, 2017, was approved.
2. The program's request to admit one (1) part-time class of 24 students beginning May 21, 2016, graduating April 1, 2018, was denied.
3. The program's request to admit one (1) full-time Evening class of 24 students beginning June 12, 2016, graduating June 9, 2017, was approved.

Further, based on the recommendations approved at the February 2016 Board meeting, the program was required to submit a revised policy for the evaluation of student performance. The program provided the Board with a revised remediation policy. The program still has not identified administrative oversight of the remediation process or how many different terms may be failed before the student is determined to have failed the program.

On July 11, 2016, the NEC consulted with the program director about the supporting documentation for the program's current request to admit three cohorts. The NEC communicated the following concerns:

- The program had scheduled some instructors to clinically instruct more than one group of students at the same time.

The director said this was an oversight.

- Skills labs for pediatric and maternity rotations are not shown in faculty/student assignment grids or on the part-time/full-time Instructional plan.

The director said they strictly followed the instructional plan that doesn't identify the skills lab prior to Pediatric and Maternity rotations.

- The maternity rotation schedule is not consistent with the Board approved instructional plan, including maternity clinical rotations being scheduled almost two months apart.

The program corrected this problem.

- The enrollment data provided by the program has discrepancies. The list of enrolled students and enrollment data provided by the program do not correspond with the Board records.

Since the last Board report, the program submitted plans that, if consistently followed, would correct the remaining violations. However, in the program's documentation to support a request to admit three (3) cohorts, two (2) additional violations were identified.

Section 2533(a) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Vocational nursing programs shall include theory and correlated clinical experience.”

Violation #1: As presented in documentation in support of the June 2015 request for approval to admit students, students are scheduled for a specialty rotation in Maternity 6-8 weeks after the previous rotation. The program states that this was an oversight. This indicates a loss of correlation of theory and clinical experience.

Status #1: The violation is **corrected**.

On July 12, 2016, the program submitted revisions to scheduling of specialty rotations. The specialty rotations now allow better correlation with theory.

Section 2533(c) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Curriculum content shall be taught in a sequence that results in students’ progressive mastery of knowledge, skills and abilities.”

Violation #2: Board records substantiate the program’s Board – approved instructional plan has skills lab instruction prior to clinical rotations in Maternity and Pediatrics. As presented in documentation in support of the September 2016 request for approval to admit students, students in part-time and full-time classes, including current and proposed students, Pediatric and Maternity skills labs are not scheduled in those areas. This prevents students from progressing in their knowledge and abilities of content and concepts critical to achieving skill competency over the course of the specialty rotation.

Status #2: The violation is **uncorrected**.

As noted in the February 2016 Board report, the program had submitted a statement regarding progressing from simple to higher level learning. Should the program consistently implement the principles identified in that statement, this would prevent further occurrence of this violation.

Of concern is that data supplied by the program on **July 11, 2016**, was utilized to create the Enrollment Data Table, above. On that date, the program also submitted a list of all currently enrolled students and expected dates of graduation. Based on the **list of enrolled students**, there are a total of **60** students enrolled after the last graduation (May 2016) listed on the table. However, using the Enrollment Data Table figures submitted by the program, **50 students remain**. It was noted in the February and May 2016 reports to the Board that discrepancies in the Enrollment Data submitted by the program have been identified.

Summary

After analyzing the documentation in support of the current requests to admit classes, (2) new violations were identified. While the program submitted plans in May 2016, that if consistently implemented, would correct the remaining violations, as of this writing the consultant cannot make a determination as to the status of the remaining violations.

The program submitted documentation demonstrating that curriculum presentation does not support progressive mastery of skills and knowledge nor does it demonstrate correlation between theory content and clinical experience. Further, after consultation with the NEC, the program director submitted a response supporting her decision not to make the necessary corrections for current and proposed students in Maternity and Pediatric rotations.

In addition, a discrepancy in the enrollment data has been identified. Based on the enrollment data submitted by the program, Board records indicate the program has ten (10) students more than what the program has indicated.

Recommendations

1. Approve Homestead Schools, Inc., Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit one (1) full-time Day class of 24 students beginning September 19, 2016, graduating September 29, 2017, **only**.
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5. Continue to require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
6. Require the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **October 1, 2016** and **every three (3) months, thereafter**.
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 10. Failure to take these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.

Rationale: Board records of the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program document the following:

1. History of complaints from students from 2012 to 2014;
2. History of unauthorized admissions;
3. Concerns regarding program policies;
4. Discrepancies in enrollment data;
5. Misrepresentation in clinical facility applications;
6. Over 20% of the students who complete program hours are unable to complete the program's exit requirements; and
7. Documentation submitted by the program confirm two (2) additional violations, one of which has been corrected.

Given the above concerns, the consultant needs time to analyze the program's comprehensive analysis and to monitor consistent implementation of the plans and proposals that will be required to verify correction of the uncorrected violations.

Given the foregoing, approval of one of the requested classes is recommended. Further, it is recommended that the program be placed on the Board's November 2016 agenda for reconsideration of its status.

Attachment A: History of Board Action

Attachment B: Notice of Change in Provisional Status Dated May 17, 2016.

Agenda Item #18.A.3., Attachment A

HOMESTEAD SCHOOLS, INC. VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

HISTORY OF PRIOR BOARD ACTIONS:

- On October 3, 2006, the Executive Officer approved the Homestead Schools, Inc., request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 15 students on October 23, 2006, only, and approved the program curriculum for 1549 hours, including 589 theory, and 960 clinical hours.
- On December 16, 2006, the director of the Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program notified the Board that the start date of October 23, 2006, had been delayed to January 8, 2007, due to low recruitment of students.
- On January 8, 2007, the director notified the Board that she had tendered her resignation effective immediately.
- **On April 2, 2007, the Board approved a new director of the Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program.**
- On August 29 – 30, 2007, the assigned consultant inspected the Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.
- **On September 9, 2007, the Board approved a new director of the Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program.**
- On November 7, 2007, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for the Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program for the period from November 7, 2007, through November 6, 2011, and issued a certificate accordingly.

The Executive Officer also approved the following program requests.

- a. Admit a full-time evening class of 15 students beginning January 7, 2008, only to **replace** students graduating on December 21, 2007, with a projected graduation date of December 19, 2008.
- b. Admit a second evening full-time class of 15 students beginning on January 7, 2008, only, with a projected graduation date of December 19, 2008.
- c. Admit a third and fourth full-time day class of 15 students each beginning on January 7, 2008, only, with a projected graduation date of December 19, 2008.

- On January 17, 2008, the director notified the Board that the program was experiencing low recruitment for their replacement class and had accepted 12 transfer students to go into the third and fourth terms to start classes on January 15, 2008, and graduate on July 6, 2008.
- On February 26, 2008, the administrator notified the Board that the program planned to start the third class start in March 2008 with approximately 12 students.
- On March 24, 2008, the director notified the Board that the program planned to start their fourth approved class on May 17, 2008.
- On September 17, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the following requests of the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program.
 - a. Admit 30 students into a full-time evening class beginning on September 22, 2008, only to **replace** the students who graduated on July 27, 2008, thereby increasing class size from 15 students to 30 per class.
 - b. Admit 15 students into a part-time day class beginning on September 20, 2008, only, thereby increasing frequency of admissions.
 - c. Admit 15 students into a full-time day class beginning on November 17, 2008, only, thereby increasing frequency of admissions.
- On December 8, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time evening class starting on January 5, 2009 to **replace** students who will graduate on December 19, 2008, thereby increasing class size from 15 to 30 students. The proposed class will graduate on December 18, 2009. The Executive Officer also approved the program's request for ongoing admissions only, 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 one full-time (50 week) evening class of 30 students to start in January, April, July and October each year; one full-time (50 week) day class of 30 students to start April, July and October each year; and one part-time (81 week) week-end day class of 15 students to start in April, and July each year. And
 - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- **On June 16, 2011, the Board approved a new program director.**
- On January 13, 2012, a notice of violation was sent to the program for non-compliance with the California Rules and Regulations, Section 2530 (k). The director was required to submit a plan to prevent future occurrences by January 27, 2012.
- On January 30, 2012, the Board received the program's plan to prevent further class admissions without prior Board approval.

- On March 6, 2012, the Executive Officer approved full accreditation of the Homestead Schools, Inc., Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period, from November 7, 2011, through November 6, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; and, **rescinded** approval of the program's ongoing admission of all classes; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On April 16, 2012, the Executive Officer approved the Homestead School's request to admit 30 students into a Full-time day class commencing on April 23, 2012, only, graduating on April 23, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on November 25, 2011; **and**, approved the program's request to admit 15 students into a part-time, weekend class commencing on April 28, 2012, only, graduating December 21, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated March 25, 2012; **and**, required the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- **On June 19, 2012, the Board approved a new program director.**
- On August 15, 2012, the Executive Officer denied the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time day class commencing on August 20, 2012, only, graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and**, approved the program's admission of 20 students into a full-time day class commencing on August 20, 2012, only, graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and**, denied the program's request to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on August 20, 2012; graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and**, approved the program's admission of a class of 20 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on August 20, 2012, only; graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and**, denied the program's request to admit 30 students into a part-time, weekend class commencing on August 20, 2012, graduating April 13, 2014; and, required the program to perform an analysis and submit a written report which identifies deficiencies and strategies to correct identified deficiencies relevant to the following elements of the program by September 14, 2012:
 - a. Admission Criteria
 - b. Screening and Selection Criteria
 - c. Grading Criteria
 - d. Probation Policy and related Actions
 - e. Remediation Plan
 - f. Evaluation of Student Achievement
 - g. Evaluation of Faculty Performance
 - h. Evaluation of Facility Adequacy; **and**,

Required the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

- On February 28, 2013, the Executive Officer approved Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on March 4, 2013; graduating on February 28, 2014, to **replace** students

who graduated on January 25, 2013; **and**, approved the program to admit 30 students into a full-time, day class commencing on March 4, 2012; graduating February 28, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated December 7, 2012; **and**, approved the program to admit 30 students into a part-time, week-end class, commencing on March 25, 2013; graduating October 24, 2014, to **replace** students that will March 18, 2013.

- On April 27, 2013, the Executive Officer Approve the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time day class, commencing on September 16, 2013, only, graduating on September 15, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated on September 5, 2013; **and**, approved the program to admit 30 students into a full-time, evening class, commencing on September 16, 2013, only, graduating September 15, 2014, to **replace** students that graduated September 5, 2013; **and**, approved the program to begin an additional part-time class with 30 students on September 21, 2013, graduating June 28, 2015; **and**, required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On June 20, 2013, the Executive Officer approved the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time, day class commencing on June 24, 2013, only; graduating June 16, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated April 26, 2013; **and**, approved the program's request to admit 30 students into a part-time, week-end class, commencing on June 29, 2013, only; graduating February 8, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated June 10, 2013; **and**, required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On April 10, 2014, the Executive Officer approved the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time day class, commencing on April 8, 2014, only, graduating April 1, 2015, to **replace** students who graduated January 10, 2014; **and** approved the program's request to admit an additional part-time class with 30 students on April 12, 2014, graduating December 6, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated December 01, 2013; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time, evening class, commencing on April 21, 2014, only, graduating April 14, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated April 10, 2013; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On July 10, 2014, the Board received a request to admit students. Analysis by the assigned consultant indicated a lack of adequate clinical facilities.
- On October 24, 2014, the Board received a request to admit students. This request included a minor curriculum revision such that eight (8) hours of simulation may now be used for maternity nursing.
- On December 15, 2014, the Executive Officer approved the program's admission of a **full – time day** class of **thirty (30)** students to start on January 5, 2015 and graduating on December 21, 2015 to **replace** the class that graduated April 25, 2014 **and denied** approval of the program's request to admit a class of **twenty (20)** students to the part – time weekend class to start on January 10, 2015 and graduating on September 10, 2016, **and** approved the program's admission of a full – time evening class of **thirty (30)** students to start on January 5, 2015 and graduating December 21, 2015 to

replace the class that graduated September 30, 2014, **and** required the director to submit a report, due **by January 30, 2015**, identifying reasons for the disparity between the number of program graduates and the number of candidates taking the examination. The report must also identify a plan of correction. **In addition**, the EO approved the following: Require the program to admit classes on the date approved, **only, and** continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

- On January 23, 2015, the Board received the required report.
- On February 16, 2015, the Board received a request to admit students.
- On February 25, 2015, the Board received a new request to admit students that the program stated superseded the February 16, 2015 request to admit students.
- On April 14, 2015, the Executive Officer approved the following recommendations: Deny approval of the program's admission of a full – time day class of thirty (30) students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating on April 15, 2016. This class would replace the class that graduated February 27, 2015, **and** approve the program's admission of a **full – time day class of twenty (20)** students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating on April 15, 2016 to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015, **and** deny approval the program's request to admit a class of twenty (20) students to the part – time weekend class to start on April 18, 2015 and graduating on February 19, 2017 to **replace** the class that graduated February 7, 2015, **and** approve the program's request to admit a class of **ten (10)** students to the **part – time** weekend class to start on April 18, 2015 and graduating on February 19, 2017 to **replace** the class that graduated February 7, 2015, **and** deny approval of the program's admission of a full – time evening class of thirty (30) students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating April 15, 2016 to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015, **and** approve the program's admission of a **full – time evening class of twenty (20)** students to start on April 20, 2015 and graduating April 15, 2016 to **replace** the class that graduated February 27, 2015, **and** continue to require the program to admit classes on the date approved, **only, and** continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On April 15, 2015, the program submitted the following request:
 1. "For the full-time evening class, instead of 20 students, we'll admit 10 students. Allow us to start the class on May 18, 2015, instead of April 20, 2015.
 2. For the part-time weekend class, instead of 10 students, allow us to admit 20 students on April 18, 2015."
- On April 27, 2015, the Executive Officer rendered the following decisions: approve the program's request to delay the full – time evening class from April 20, 2015 to May 18, 2015, **only, and** contingent upon decreasing the full – time evening class beginning May 18, 2015 to no more than ten (10) students, approve the program's request to admit 20 (twenty) students to the part – time weekend class beginning April 18, 2015 and graduating February 19, 2017, **only, and** continue to require the program to admit

classes on the date approved, **only, and** continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

- On July 20, 2015, the Board received the last of the documentation requested in support of the June 22, 2015 request to admit students.
- On July 30, 2015, the Acting Executive Officer approved the following:
Deny the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students to a full-time day class beginning on August 10, 2015, graduating August 12, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated May 29, 2015, **and** deny the program's request to admit a class of 30 students to a full-time evening class beginning on August 10, 2015, graduating August 12, 2016, to **replace** the class that graduated June 12, 2015, **and** deny the program's request to admit a part-time class beginning August 15, 2015, graduating April 2, 2017, **and** require the program to submit placement plans for all currently enrolled students that are consistent with the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and the Board-approved Instructional Plan no later than **October 1, 2015, and** continue to require the program to admit classes on the date approved, **only, and** continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
- On August 13, 2015, the Board approved a new program director.
- On December 18, 2015, the Acting Executive Officer approved the following:
 1. Deny the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program's request for ongoing approval.
 2. Place the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program on the Board's February 2016 agenda for consideration of provisional approval.
 3. Deny the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing 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
 4. Deny the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing 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
 5. Deny the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing 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.
 6. Require the program to submit for Board approval curriculum objectives appropriate to the Board-approved Instructional Plan no later than February 15, 2016.
 7. Require 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 29, 2016.

8. Require 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.
 9. Require 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.
 10. Continue the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
 11. Continue to require the program to admit classes on the date approved, **only**.
- On January 6 and 7, 2016, two Board representatives conducted an unannounced program inspection.
 - On January 12, 2016, the Board forwarded a *Notice of Violations* to the program.
 - On February 5, 2016, the Board approved the following:
 1. Place the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the three (3) month period from February 5, 2016 through May 31, 2016, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non-compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations.
 2. Place the program on the Board's **May 2016** agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.
 3. Require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
 4. Require the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **February 15, 2016**.
 5. Require the program to submit for Board approval the following:
 - a. Curriculum objectives no later than **February 15, 2016**.
 - b. A revised policy for the evaluation of student performance to determine the need for remediation or removal from the program no later than **March 1, 2016**.
 - c. 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, and timely make-up of missed hours that maintains theory to clinical correlation no later than **March 1, 2016**.
- d. A revised policy for the admission, screening, and selection of applicants to the program that defines the number and frequency of allowable retakes on an admission test and steps to be taken to ensure that the policy is followed, including appropriate interview of applicants no later than **March 1, 2016**.
 - e. Evidence of training of all involved personnel regarding the transfer credit policy that was submitted to the Board on December 1, 2015, including credit to be given for certified nurse assistant courses, and how this new policy is to be implemented no later than **March 1, 2016**.
6. Require the program to submit documentation of implementation of the Board-approved Instructional Plans for both the full-time and the part-time programs **no later than March 1, 2016**.
 7. Require the program to submit documentation of placements consistent with the Board-approved Instructional Plans and with adequate faculty for all **currently enrolled** students **no later than March 1, 2016**.
 8. Require the program to submit follow up reports in nine (9) months, but no later than **October 1, 2016**, and 21 months, but no later than **October 1, 2017**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve pass rates and to correct all violations, a timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The analysis must include, but should not be limited, to the following elements:
 - 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
 9. Require the program to maintain its average annual pass rate no more than (10) ten percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
 10. 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.

11. Failure to take these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
- On May 13, 2016, the Board reconsidered the program's status. The following decisions were rendered.
 1. Extend the provisional approval of the Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program for the two (2) year period from May 13, 2016 through May 31, 2018, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non-compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. (See Attachment G)
 2. Place the program on the Board's **May 2018** agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.
 3. Continue to require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
 4. Approve the program's request to admit one (1) full-time Day class of 24 students beginning May 16, 2016, graduating May 12, 2017, **only**.
 5. **Deny** the program's request to admit one (1) part-time class of 24 students beginning May 21, 2016, graduating April 1, 2018, **only**.
 6. Approve the program's request to admit one (1) full-time Evening class of 24 students beginning June 12, 2016, graduating June 9, 2017, **only**.
 7. Require the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **July 1, 2016** and **every three (3) months, thereafter**.
 8. Continue to require the program to submit follow up reports in nine (9) months, but no later than **October 1, 2016**, and 21 months, but no later than **October 1, 2017**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve pass rates and to correct all violations, a timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The analysis must include, but should not be limited, to the following elements:
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9. Continue to require the program to maintain its average annual pass rate no more than (10) ten percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
10. Continue 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.
11. Failure to take these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.



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CERTIFIED MAIL

May 17, 2016

Adelwisa Blanco, Director
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Homestead Schools
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Subject: Notice of Change in Approval Status

Dear Ms. Blanco:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on May 13, 2016, the Homestead Vocational Nursing Program has been placed on provisional approval for the two-year period from May 13, 2016 through May 31, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the areas of noncompliance identified and the corrections required of your program to avoid losing approval completely.

Once you have reviewed this letter, please sign and return the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Change in Approval Status" form by **May 31, 2016**

AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE (VIOLATIONS(S))

In accordance with Section 2526.1(c) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations,

"The Board may place any program on provisional approval when that program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this Chapter and in Section 2526..."

Section 2533(a) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"Vocational nursing programs shall include theory and correlated clinical experience."

Section 2533(c) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"Curriculum content shall be taught in a sequence that results in students' progressive mastery of knowledge, skills and abilities."

Section 2526(a)(12) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"The institution shall apply to the Board for approval. Written documentation shall be prepared by the director and shall include:
... (12) Admission criteria.

Section 2526(a)(13) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"The institution shall apply to the Board for approval. Written documentation shall be prepared by the director and shall include:
... (13) Screening and selection criteria.

Section 2530(h) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"Each school shall have an attendance policy approved by the Board. The policy shall include but not be limited to, criteria for attendance and the specific course objectives for which make-up time is required. Acceptable methods for make-up include:

- (1) Theory: case studies, independent study, written examination, attendance at seminars or workshops, auto-tutorial laboratory, and research reports.
- (2) Clinical: performance evaluation in skills laboratory or additional time in the clinical area with clients/patients."

Section 2535 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"Each school shall have a policy, approved by the Board for giving credit toward the curriculum requirements.

- (a) Transfer credit shall be given for related previous education completed within the last five years. This includes the following courses:
 - (1) Approved vocational or practical nursing courses.
 - (2) Approved registered nursing courses.
 - (3) Approved psychiatric technician courses.
 - (4) Armed services nursing courses.
 - (5) Certified nurse assistant courses.
 - (6) Other courses the school determines are equivalent to courses in the program.
- (b) Competency-based credit shall be granted for knowledge and/or skills acquired through experience. Credit shall be determined by written and/or practical examinations

REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)

1. Continue to require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
2. Require the program director to submit, under penalty of perjury, the names of all enrolled students, date of admission, placement in the curriculum, and expected date of graduation by **July 1, 2016** and **every three (3) months, thereafter.**
3. Continue to require the program to submit follow up reports in nine (9) months, but no later than **October 1, 2016**, and 21 months, but no later than **October 1, 2017**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve pass rates and to correct all violations, a timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The analysis must include, but should not be limited, to the following elements:
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 - o. Current Enrollment
4. Continue to require the program to maintain its average annual pass rate no more than (10) ten percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
5. Continue 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.

6. Failure to take these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.

FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **May 2018** Board Meeting agenda, at which point the Board may revoke or extend the program's approval. If you have additional information that you wish considered beyond the required corrections listed on pages 3 and 4, you must submit this documentation by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to the Board Meeting.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be advised that, pursuant to the Board's regulations, the program will not be authorized to admit new classes beyond the established pattern of admissions previously approved by the Board. The established pattern of admissions approved by the Board is as follows: **Approval by the full Board is required prior to the admission of additional students.**

In the event your program is required to submit any report(s) as a corrective action pursuant to this notice, such reports are required in addition to any other reports required pursuant to section 2527 of the Board's regulations.

The program may not advertise that it has full approval, and should take steps to correct any ongoing advertisements or publications in that regard.

A copy of title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 2526.1, regarding provisional approval is attached for your reference. A complete copy of the Board's laws and regulations can be found on the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely,



Kameka Brown, PhD, MBA, NP
Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: Board Members
KB: dgj



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.
- (d) Any program holding provisional approval may not admit "new" classes beyond the established pattern of admission previously approved by the Board. The admission pattern is defined by the number of students per class and the frequency of admissions for the six class admissions that immediately precede the Board action to consider provisional approval.
- (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.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2854, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2880, 2881 and 2883, Business and Professions Code.



DATE: May 17, 2016
TO: Education Division
FROM: Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program
SUBJECT: *Acknowledgement of Receipt of Board Meeting Materials*

I, Adelwisa Blanco, hereby acknowledge receipt of the following documents with attachments memorializing board decisions rendered at the May 13, 2016 Board Meeting.

➤ ***Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program***

1. *Notice of Provisional Approval.*
2. *California Code of Regulations Excerpt Section 2526.1. Provisional Approval.*
3. *Certificate of Provisional Approval.*
4. *Acknowledgement of Change in Approval Status.*

Please sign and fax the ***Acknowledgement of Receipt of Board Meeting Materials*** to the Board at (916) 263-7866 by _____.

(Signature, Director)

(Date)

Name of Program: _____

***Please complete this form and fax the Board at
(916) 263-7866 by DATE HERE***



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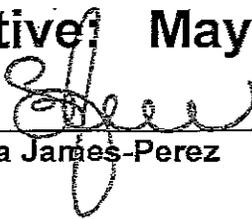
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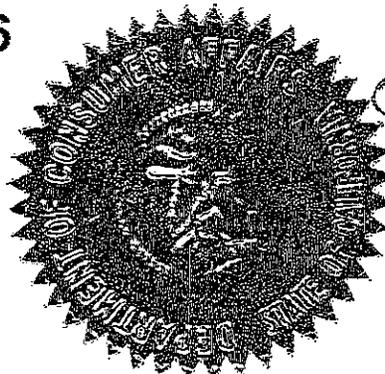
Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program

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: May 13, 2016



Samantha James-Perez
President



Expires: May 31, 2018



Kameka-Brown, PhD, MBA, NP
Executive Officer

Agenda Item #18.A.3., Attachment C



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May 16, 2016

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Subject: Notice of Decisions

Dear Ms. Blanco,

On May 13, 2016, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) considered the consultant's report relative to the ***Homestead Schools Vocation Nursing Program - Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit***

The following decisions were rendered.

Recommendations

1. Continue to require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
2. Approve the program's request to admit one (1) full-time Day class of 24 students beginning May 16, 2016, graduating May 12, 2017, **only**.
3. **Deny** the program's request to admit one (1) part-time class of 24 students beginning May 21, 2016, graduating April 1, 2018, **only**.
4. Approve the program's request to admit one (1) full-time Evening class of 24 students beginning June 12, 2016, graduating June 9, 2017, **only**.

Additional correspondence will be forwarded separately regarding the program's extension of provisional approval, including a new certificate for the program.

Please contact the Board should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Donna G. Johnson

Donna G. Johnson, RNP, MS, MA
Nursing Education Consultant

Cc: Lydia Zeigler, NEC