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DATE	November 8, 2025
TO	Board Members
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PREPARED BY	Cindy Fairchild EdD, MSN, RN Nursing Education Consultant (NEC)
SUBJECT	Request to Admit Students
PROGRAM	Stanbridge University, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program (Program) (Program Director: Renee Hypolite, San Diego, San Diego County, Private)

Please note: Board Nursing Education Consultants make recommendations. The recommendations are forwarded to the Education and Practice Committee for review and recommendation or to the Executive Officer or full Board for action.

PROGRAM REQUEST:

Begin a part-time class of 75 students to commence on September 21, 2025, with the Program's prerequisites and commence the vocational nursing program on February 9, 2026, with a graduation date of January 14, 2028.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

On February 18, 2025, the Stanbridge University, San Diego Licensed Vocational Nursing Program was approved to begin an initial full-time class of 45 students on March 24, 2025, only, and graduating September 25, 2026.

On May 6, 2025, the SNEC met the Stanbridge University owner to review and discuss regulations related to a new Program beginning additional classes, including when a second class could begin once the first-class graduates.

On May 19, 2025, the Program Director emailed the NEC stating, "Just wanted to confirm that we are approved for our normal pattern of admissions for the San Diego campus." The Program Director was notified that a second class could not be started, and the Program shall obtain prior BVNPT approval before admission of subsequent classes to maintain compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(e) that states:

A Board representative shall complete an inspection or review prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval.

On June 16, 2025, the NEC informed the Program Director that a request for part-time curriculum could be submitted for approval, and a part-time cohort could not start until after the first class had graduated on September 25, 2026.

On June 27, 2025, the Program Director submitted documents a for a part-time curriculum.

On July 16, 2025, the Program Director submitted documents requesting a part-time class of 75 students to begin September 21, 2025, with the Program's prerequisites and to commence the vocational nursing program on February 9, 2026, with a graduation date of January 14, 2028.

On August 20, 2025, the Executive Officer approved the Program's July 16, 2025, request for a part-time curriculum and referred the request to admit a part-time class of 75 students to begin September 21, 2025, with the Program prerequisites and commence the vocational nursing program on February 9, 2026, with a graduation date of January 14, 2028, to the full Board at the November 18, 2025, Board meeting.

The NEC reviewed and analyzed the documents provided by the Program Director to verify adequate resources, including clinical facilities, to accommodate the student's learning needs and ability to meet the Program's approved objectives.

The NEC identified that the campus does not have adequate space to have a class of 75 students in a cohort. The campus has three classrooms dedicated to the LVN Program. Classroom 201 can accommodate up to 50 students, classroom 202 can accommodate up to 50 students, and classroom 203 can accommodate up to 45 students (Attachment B).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Deny the Program's request to begin a part-time class of 75 students to commence on September 21, 2025, with the Program prerequisites and commence the vocational nursing program on February 9, 2026, with a graduation date of January 14, 2028.
2. Require the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
2. Require the Program to obtain prior BVNPT approval before admission of subsequent classes to maintain compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(e) that states:

A Board representative shall complete an inspection or review prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval.

3. Require the Program, when requesting approval to admit students, to:
 - a. Submit all documentation in final form, using the forms provided by the BVNPT, no later than by the fifteenth day of the second month preceding the month of the Board meeting.
 - b. Provide documentation that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
 - c. Ensure that the Program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(l).
4. Require the Program to comply with all approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.
5. Board staff will continue to monitor the Program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions and the effectiveness of employed interventions.
6. Any material changes in circumstances affecting any information contained in the documents submitted by the Program to the Board, require the Program to notify the NEC immediately, in writing, per California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(g).

RELEVANT PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Enrollment

The California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2530(k) states:

The program shall have prior Board approval to increase the number of students per class and/or increase the frequency of admission of classes. Criteria to evaluate a school's request to increase the number of students per class and/or increase the frequency of class admissions include but are not limited to: (1) Sufficient program resources as specified in Section 2530(a). (2) Adequacy of clinical experience as specified in Section 2534. (3) Licensure examination pass rates as specified in Section 2530(l).

The Program is approved to offer a 60-week full-time class and a 90-week part time class. BVNPT approval is required prior to admission of each class.

The following table represents the current and projected student enrollment based on the proposed class start and completion dates. The table indicates a maximum enrollment of 119 students for the period March 2025 through September 2025.

ENROLLMENT DATA TABLE

Class Start Dates	Class Completion Dates	Number of Students Admitted	Number of Students Current	Number of Graduated	Total Enrolled
3/25 *(9/26)		45	44		44
9/25 *(2/28) Proposed		75			44 + 75 = 119

*Indicates projected graduation date

Licensing Examination Statistics

The California Code of Regulations, Title 16, 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 a proposed program, there are no licensure examination statistics.

Faculty and Facilities

The California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(d) states:

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

The current number of approved faculty totals 10, including the Program Director. The Program Director has 100 percent administrative duties. Of the total faculty, seven are designated to teach clinical. Based upon a maximum proposed enrollment of 119 students, eight instructors are required for clinical supervision. The utilization of faculty at clinical facility is such that clinical instruction is not covered adequately for this number of students.

The California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2534(b) states in part:

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.

Submitted documentation indicates the Program has sufficient clinical facilities to afford the number, type, and variety of patients that will provide clinical experience consistent with approved competency-based objectives and theory being taught for the current and proposed student enrollment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Program History

Attachment B: Stanbridge University, San Diego – Classroom Photos

Attachment A

STANBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Program History

- On February 18, 2025, the Executive Officer approved the following.
 1. Granted initial approval to the Stanbridge University, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period beginning February 18, 2024, and issue a certificate accordingly.
 2. Approved the Stanbridge University, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 45 students on March 24, 2025, only, and graduating September 25, 2026.
 3. Approved the Program's 60-week full-time curriculum, six 10-week terms of 1530 hours, including 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours.
 4. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Required the Program to obtain prior BVNPT approval before admission of subsequent classes to maintain compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(e) that states:

A Board representative shall complete an inspection or review prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval.
2. The Program Director documents that adequate resources, i.e., faculty and facilities, are available to support the proposed class of students.
3. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
4. Board staff will 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 Program Director, and conducting Continuing Approval Surveys.
5. Required the Program to comply with all approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at California Business and

Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing at Section 2525.

- On August 19, 2025, the Executive Officer approved the following.
 1. Approved the Program's request for approval of a part-time 90-week curriculum consisting of 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours, totaling 1530 hours.
 2. Denied the Program's request to begin a part-time class of 75 students to commence on September 21, 2025, with the Program prerequisites and commence the vocational nursing program on February 9, 2026, with a graduation date of January 14, 2028.
 3. Required the Program to comply with all requirements listed below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Notify the NEC in the event a current class is displaced from clinical sites.
2. Required the Program to obtain prior BVNPT approval before admission of subsequent classes to maintain compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526(e) that states:

A Board representative shall complete an inspection or review prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval.

3. Comply with all the approval standards set forth in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing with California Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and in Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, commencing with Section 2525.
4. Board staff will continue to monitor the Program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions and the effectiveness of employed interventions.

ATTACHMENT B

Stanbridge University, San Diego – Classroom Photos



Classroom 201 can accommodate 50 students.



Classroom 202 can accommodate 50 students



Classroom 203 can accommodate 45 students