

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
3.2.3.a. EDUCATION GUIDELINE
Criteria for Conducting Survey Visits

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Rule 214.4 sets forth the requirements for survey visits in vocational nursing educational programs. Rule 215.4 sets forth the requirements for survey visits in pre-licensure professional nursing educational programs (diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or entry-level master's degree). Rule 219.4 sets forth the requirements for survey visits in advanced practice nursing educational programs.

<p>Rule 214.4(c)(3) related to <u>Approval</u> requires that "Each vocational nursing educational program shall be visited at least every six years after full approval has been granted, unless accredited by a Board recognized national nursing accrediting agency. (A) The Board may authorize staff to conduct a survey visit at any time based upon established criteria."</p>	<p>Rule 215.4(c)(3) related to <u>Approval</u> requires that "Each professional nursing educational program shall be visited at least every six years after full approval has been granted, unless accredited by a Board-recognized national nursing accrediting agency. (A) The Board may authorize staff to conduct a survey visit at any time based upon established criteria."</p>	<p>Rule 219.4(c)(1) related to <u>Approval</u> requires that "Each advanced practice nursing educational program will be visited as necessary once approval has been granted."</p>
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The established criteria include:

1. Graduates of a nursing educational program are disciplined by the Board within one year of graduation;
2. A change in the Dean or Director of a professional nursing educational program or a change in the Director or Coordinator of a vocational nursing educational program; or
3. Other conditions as determined by board staff, i.e., complaints from students or faculty regarding a lack of adherence to the Board's rules and/or educational standards, moving the program to a new facility, complaints from community affiliate agencies regarding unsafe practices in the program, significant indications that the program is experiencing difficulties and/or is not meeting requirements of Rule 214 or Rule 215.
4. A change in ownership or administrative control of a nursing educational program.

<p>Rule 214.3(a)(3) related to <u>Program Development, Expansion and Closure</u> requires that "Survey visits shall be conducted, as necessary, by staff until full approval status is granted."</p>	<p>Rule 215.3(a)(3) related to <u>Program Development, Expansion and Closure</u> requires that "Survey visits shall be conducted, as necessary, by staff until full approval is granted."</p>	<p>Rule 219. 3(a)(2) related to <u>Program Development, Closure, and Transfer of Administrative Control</u> requires that "Survey visits shall be conducted, as necessary, by board staff until full accreditation by a Board recognized national nursing education accrediting body is granted."</p>
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A nursing educational program on Initial Approval shall be visited at least once before Full Approval is received.

A nursing educational program shall also be visited if either of the following conditions exists:

1. NCLEX-PN® or NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of less than 80% for two consecutive years; or
2. Programs on full approval with warning or conditional approval shall be visited as frequently as the Board directs.

Note: Please be aware that references to Rule 214 and Rule 215 are not all inclusive.