

TO: Future Excelsior College Nursing Students from Texas
FROM: Excelsior College Admissions Office
RE: Current Texas State Board Status

In 2009 the Texas legislature passed House Bill 3961 which included the provision of a “study of alternative ways to assure clinical competency of graduates of nursing educational programs” and additionally specified that “the research study must be designed to determine if the graduates of a clinical competency assessment program are substantially equivalent to the graduates of supervised clinical learning experiences programs in terms of clinical judgments and behaviors.” Currently the only nursing program with a clinical competency examination is Excelsior College.

The study called for in the Bill was not funded by the legislature and it was not completed. In 2017, a Sunset Advisory Commission will determine if our program continues to meet standards substantially equivalent to those of the Board of Nursing. This means that under the current law there is no absolute end date for eligibility for licensure in the state of Texas for Excelsior graduates, but during 2017 the issue will be considered again. We cannot predict the outcome of the Commission or the continued eligibility of Excelsior College graduates for RN licensure in the state Texas.

In order to process your undergraduate application for admission to the School of Nursing, select one of the options listed below. Then sign and return this document for processing.

- I am aware of the current policy of the Texas Board of Nursing regarding licensure of graduates of the Excelsior College School of Nursing. **Please proceed with my application.**
- I have decided NOT to enroll in Excelsior College at this time. **Please cancel my application and return my fee.**

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Excelsior College ID # _____
ID# required. It can be found at www.excelsior.edu/myexcelsior.

Please return signed copy back via the Message Center.

Other options:

FAX: Admissions Office, 518-464-8833, available 24 hours a day

MAIL: Admission Office, Excelsior College, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-5159

If you have any questions, call the Admissions Office at 888-647-2388, ext. 27.