

## **Program Approval Status – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What does “provisional approval” mean?**

Provisional approval is a formal status issued by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing when a program is required to demonstrate continued compliance with specific regulatory standards, specifically maintaining a minimum National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate of 80% or greater. The pass rate for the Class of 2025 was <80%.

### **Is the program still approved to operate?**

Yes. The program is authorized to admit students and provide instruction while under provisional approval.

### **Does provisional approval affect completed or current coursework?**

No. Coursework completed or in progress remains valid.

### **Will graduates be eligible for RN licensure?**

Yes. Students who successfully complete the program during the provisional period remain eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse, in accordance with State Board requirements.

### **How long will the program remain under provisional approval?**

The duration of provisional approval is determined by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and is subject to ongoing monitoring and review. Provisional status may be lifted when the program meets compliance with the regulatory standard pass rate of greater than 80%.

### **Who can I contact with questions?**

Questions regarding program approval status may be directed to the School of Nursing director, Dr. Lyons.