

Program Approval Status & Frequently Asked Questions

Important Update from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing

Effective **July 8, 2026**, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing placed the **Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing** on **Approval with Warning** status. This information is being provided in accordance with the Board's directive.

Important: The Full-Time Practical Nursing Program remains approved and continues to operate. Graduates remain eligible to apply for and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) upon successful completion of the program and meeting all Board licensure requirements.

What Does 'Approval with Warning' Mean?

Approval with Warning is a designation issued by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing indicating that a nursing education program remains approved while implementing corrective actions required by the Board. The program continues to operate under the Board's oversight as these actions are completed.

Why Was the Program Placed on Approval with Warning?

Following its review, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing determined that the program was not in compliance with certain Board regulations related to:

- Program governance and administrative processes
- Faculty recruitment and retention
- Clinical education experiences and oversight
- Curriculum evaluation and assessment
- Documentation demonstrating compliance with Board regulations

As a result, the Board changed the program's approval status to **Approval with Warning** while the School implements the required corrective actions.

What Is the School Doing?

The School of Practical Nursing has developed and is actively implementing a comprehensive corrective action plan. This work includes:

- Strengthening program governance and administrative processes
- Enhancing faculty recruitment, retention, and support
- Improving clinical education experiences and oversight
- Strengthening curriculum evaluation and assessment processes
- Updating policies and procedures
- Providing regular progress reports to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing demonstrating continued progress toward full compliance

The School is committed to addressing each of the Board's directives and to continuous improvement in support of student success.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the program still approved?

Yes. The Full-Time Practical Nursing Program remains approved and continues to operate.

Can I still enroll?

Yes. Students accepted into the Full-Time Practical Nursing Program may enroll as planned.

Will current students continue their education?

Yes. Current students will continue their education as scheduled.

Will graduates still be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN?

Yes. Graduates remain eligible to apply for and take the NCLEX-PN upon successful completion of the program and satisfaction of all Board licensure requirements.

Is the Part-Time Day Program accepting students?

No. Admissions to the Part-Time Day Program have been paused until further review and approval by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

Will this affect my education?

The School remains committed to providing a supportive educational experience while implementing the Board's required corrective actions. Classes, clinical experiences, and student support services will continue throughout this process.

How long will the program remain on Approval with Warning?

The program will remain on Approval with Warning while the School completes the corrective actions required by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

Our Commitment

At the Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing, our mission remains unchanged—to prepare compassionate, competent practical nurses who are ready to serve the healthcare needs of our communities.

We are committed to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. Our faculty, administration, and staff are actively working with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing to implement each of the required corrective actions while continuing to support our students throughout their educational journey.

Official Board Notification

In accordance with the directive of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, the Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing has provided the required notifications to all enrolled students, program applicants, and program graduates regarding the program's Approval with Warning status. The School remains committed to transparency throughout this process and will continue working collaboratively with the Board to implement all required corrective actions.

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This information will be updated as significant developments occur regarding the program's progress toward full compliance with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.