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To Our Students and Applicants:

The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing (PSBON) has established a minimum pass rate of 80% for graduates of nursing programs to pass the NCLEX-PN test on the first attempt. Our school has a long-standing history of strong NCLEX pass rates. However, first-time test takers from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, had a pass rate of 78.38%, which falls below the PSBON-required 80% threshold. Therefore, the PSBON has placed our program on provisional approval status.

This change does not affect our current and future students. Classroom instruction, clinical rotations, and program operations will continue as scheduled. Future students can still enroll in the program. All students remain eligible to graduate upon successful completion of all program requirements. Graduates will remain eligible to apply for licensure and sit for the NCLEX-PN examination.

The faculty and administration of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center School of Practical Nursing take this matter seriously and are fully committed to addressing the factors that contributed to this outcome. Should you have any questions regarding this program status notification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On a positive note, since the data was collected and evaluated, the pass rate for the classes after this time frame has been above 80%.

Thank you for your continued trust in the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center and our commitment to preparing safe, competent, and professional practical nurses.

Sincerely,

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