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Dear Sunset Board:

I would like to thank you for the work you have done this year. There is one issue which greatly concerns me.

As nurses we respect the culture of safety for the patients and our fellow workers. I find it hard to understand

why a school would think they can turn out a safe practitioner who has had no clinical experience. We teach

students to carefully observe patient/client behavior, interpret behavior, and rescue prior to dire circumstances.

I would encourage you to watch the Lewis Blackmon story on YouTube or the QSEN website.

Lewis's mother

carefully details what led to her son's unnecessary death—failure to rescue. If you have no true clinical

experience you most likely will not be able to interpret behaviors, signs, and symptoms. The students of this

program will not know what they do not know.

Please make a careful informed decision. Texas needs nurses who have keen skills. In today's environment

on-the-job training is not feasible. When one graduates with a degree in nursing he must be a safe, beginning

practitioner. Texas needs nurses who can function from a theoretical and clinical position. It is hard to have one

without the other.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter.

Best Regards,

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