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Dear Dr. Swayne and Ms. Pickett:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in April 2023. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2030. Please see ACEN Policy #9 Disclosure of Information About an Accredited Program for the required disclosure statement regarding this decision, which must be made to all current and prospective students within seven business days of this letter.

Deliberations centered on the materials available to the Board from this accreditation review process and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the peer evaluators on the site visit team (if applicable) and the Evaluation Review Panel. Final decisions were made based on the 2023 Standards and Criteria.

The Board identified the following:

**Areas of Strength**

**Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2**

- The program has consistently had NCLEX pass rates at 90% or higher since 2012.

**Areas Needing Development**

**Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.3**

- Ensure that data from the assessment of end-of-program student learning outcomes are shared with the communities of interest.

**Areas Needing Development (Continued)**

**Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.2**

- Review and revise documents and electronic information to ensure that information intended to inform the public is clear, consistent, and accessible, specifically regarding the LPN-to-RN Advanced Standing program option.

**Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4**

- Continue to identify and implement strategies/actions to improve achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes when the expected levels of achievement are not met.
- Ensure the assessment method (calculation) for program completion includes all students who begin in the first nursing course for each program option and complete the program option on time.
- Review and revise the job placement outcome statement to be congruent with the ACEN definition of job placement by including an ELA in a role for which they were prepared.
- Ensure that job placement data are sufficient to inform program decision-making.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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