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## DELIVERED VIA EMAIL ONLY

April 20, 2020

Donna Ingram, DNP, MSN, RN  
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Dear Dr. Ingram:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in March 2020. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2027.

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 and the Evaluation Review Panel.

The Board identified the following:

### Areas of Strength

#### **Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.4**

- Peer evaluators discovered partnerships that promote excellence in nursing education, enhance the profession, and benefit the community. Excellence in nursing education is provided by the existence of partnerships with two area healthcare agencies. These agencies support nursing students in both the associate and baccalaureate program levels with scholarships in exchange for additional training requirements. Additionally, information was provided during interviews about funding made available by a local hospital in direct support of two nursing faculty lines for a three-year period. This funding will serve to enhance the nursing profession and benefit the community.

### Areas Needing Development

#### **Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.1, 6.3, and 6.4**

- Ensure the program demonstrates that there are specific, measurable expected levels of achievement for each end-of-program student learning outcome.
- Ensure the program demonstrates that there are appropriate assessment methods that result in meaningful data for each end-of-program student learning outcome.

**Areas Needing Development (continued)****Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.1, 6.3, and 6.4**

- Continue to implement strategies/actions to improve the program completion rate when the expected level of achievement is not met.
- Review and revise the expected level of achievement for job placement to be congruent with the ACEN definition of job placement.

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. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision. The processing of these certificates has been delayed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and will resume when ACEN staff members are able to return to the office. If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer