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Nick DeFalco, MSN, RN
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Dear Mr. DeFalco:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in September 2020. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program with removal of conditions and affirmed the next evaluation visit for Spring 2026. Please see ACEN Policy #9 Disclosure of Information About an Accredited Program for the required disclosure statement regarding this decision that 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 Evaluation Review Panel and, if applicable, the site visit team.

The Board of Commissioners identified the following:

Areas Needing Development

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.1

- Ensure the program demonstrates evidence that there are regular intervals for assessment for each end-of-program student learning outcome.
- Ensure the program demonstrates evidence that assessment data are analyzed and used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of students' attainment of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.
- Ensure that the program continues to identify and implement strategies to improve the achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.

We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. On behalf of the ACEN 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,

Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, MSN
Chief Executive Officer