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Dear Dr. Burriss:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting on March 9-10, 2017. **The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the master's nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2024.**

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the Catalog, the Site Visit Report, and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the peer evaluators and the Evaluation Review Panel. (See Summary of Deliberations and Recommendation of the Evaluation Review Panel.)

The Board of Commissioners identified the following:

Areas Needing Development

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.1

- Ensure the policies for nursing students are publicly accessible.

Standard 4 Curriculum, Criteria 4.2, 4.3, and 4.5

- Ensure the end-of-program student learning outcomes are used to organize the curriculum and evaluate student progress.
- Ensure the curriculum is regularly reviewed to ensure integrity, rigor, and currency and consistent documentation is maintained.
- Ensure the curriculum is designed so that graduates of the program are able to practice in a culturally and ethnically diverse global society.

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2

- Develop and implement a consistent documentation process for data collection and trending, faculty review of data, and use of data for 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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Chief Executive Officer

cc: Denise Robinson, Peer Evaluator
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Panel