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Dear Dr. Jones and Dr. Daily:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in April 2025. The Board of Commissioners granted Continuing Accreditation to the baccalaureate program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2032. 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.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision.

If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN
Chief Executive Officer



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Chief Accreditation Officer

ACEN Board of Commissioners Meeting Outcome

Arkansas Tech University

Baccalaureate Program

Date of Decision: April 10, 2025

Accreditation Decision: Continuing Accreditation

Stipulation: NONE

Stipulation Time Frame: N/A

Findings: NONE

Next Site Visit Cycle: Fall 2032

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.

Findings:

Areas of Strength

Standard 1 Administrative Capacity and Resources, Criterion 1.9

- The nurse administrator secured and managed about \$1 million in grants to update the simulation space and some of the classroom technology.

Standard 2 Faculty, Criterion 2.1

- All full-time undergraduate faculty (except for one) hold a doctoral degree, and the remaining faculty member is currently enrolled in a doctoral program.