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President
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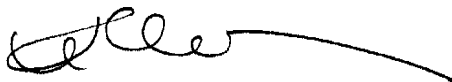
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Dear Dr. Jones and Dr. Daily:

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 with Conditions for one year to the master's nursing program, and requested that a Follow-Up Report be submitted by February 15, 2026. If the Board grants continuing accreditation following the review of the Follow-Up Report, the next evaluation visit will be scheduled 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.

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

Master's Program

Date of Decision: April 10, 2025

Accreditation Decision: Continuing Accreditation with Conditions

Stipulation:

A Follow-Up Report requires the nursing program to demonstrate compliance with all Criteria in only the Standard(s) with which the program was found to be in non-compliance. The Follow-Up Report for the master's nursing program is to address **Standard 2 Faculty**.

Please note that ACEN policy stipulates that a nursing program must demonstrate compliance within a maximum of two years after being placed on continuing accreditation with conditions by the Board. If compliance is not evident at the end of the monitoring period, the program must be denied continuing accreditation and removed from the list of accredited programs, unless the program can make its case for continuing accreditation for good cause. Please refer to ACEN [Policy #4 Types of Commission Actions](#) for additional information.

Stipulation Time Frame: One Year

Follow-Up Report Due Date: February 15, 2026

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:

The program was found to be in non-compliance with the following:

Standard 2 Faculty, Criterion 2.1

- There is a lack of evidence that full-time faculty hold the educational requirements required by the regulatory agencies.