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President
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Dear Dr. Jones and Ms. Pittman:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in August 2025. The Board of Commissioners granted Continuing Accreditation to the associate program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2033. 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 - Ozark

Associate Program

Date of Decision: August 28, 2025

Accreditation Decision: Continuing Accreditation

Stipulation: NONE

Stipulation Time Frame: N/A

Next Site Visit Cycle: Spring 2033

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 have the following as areas of strength:

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.6

- In addition to the services available to the students, there is an exercise gym in the Allied Health Building, which is equipped with showers. During interviews with the nurse administrator, it was noted that some students do not have consistent access to running water.

Standard 5 Outcomes, Criterion 5.2

- The program completion rate over the last three years has been between 95.8 and 100%.

Standard 5 Outcomes, Criterion 5.3

- Licensure examination pass rates were 95.8% and 95.6% in 2023 and 2024, respectively. This, along with a high completion rate, is a strength for the program.