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March 13, 2019

Lesley Krohn, DNP, RN, CPN
Workforce Education Faculty of Registered Nursing
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Dear Dr. Krohn:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that your application for Candidacy has been granted for the associate nursing program at Arkansas Tech University – Ozark. Your Candidate status is valid for two (2) years, expiring in March 2021; therefore, the initial accreditation site visit must take place before March 13, 2021. Please note that approval of Candidacy does not guarantee that the program will achieve initial accreditation. If this Candidacy period leads to initial accreditation, the effective date of that initial accreditation will be the date of this letter: March 13, 2019.

The ACEN's goal is to promote quality nursing education and to support you and your faculty in the accreditation process. Two (2) comprehensive and independent reviews of your program's Candidacy presentation have been completed by professional staff.

The decision to grant Candidacy status is based on the nursing program (a) demonstrating it is currently compliant with selected ACEN Standards and Criteria and (b) demonstrating the potential to achieve ACEN accreditation based upon the selected ACEN Standards and Criteria reviewed in the Candidacy presentation. Please note that the program must demonstrate compliance with **all** ACEN Standards and Criteria at the time of the site visit. To assist in your continued development toward initial accreditation review, please see the attached staff comments.

The table on the following page provides the dates by which the Information Form for Accreditation Site Visit must be submitted. This form is available on the ACEN website under *Resources for Nursing Programs*. The final Cycle during which the associate nursing program may schedule a visit is the Spring 2021 Cycle.

Information Form Due Date	Site Visit Cycle
July 1, 2019	Spring 2020
March 1, 2020	Fall 2020
July 1, 2020	Spring 2021

In keeping with ACEN policy, your program will be added to our listing of Candidates (website and directory). Programs that achieve Candidate status must publicly disclose the following information exactly as illustrated below:

This nursing education program is a candidate for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
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<http://www.acenursing.us/candidates/candidacy.asp>

I encourage you to continue working with your mentor, Dr. Nell Ard, and affirm your planned date for review for initial accreditation. Dr. Ard can be reached at (404) 975-5004 or via email at nard@acenursing.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, MSN
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure