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Dear Dr. Burris:

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 baccalaureate 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 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