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Lesley Krohn, DNP, RN, CPN
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Dear Dr. Krohn:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in September 2020. The Board of Commissioners granted initial accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2025. Based on ACEN Policy #34 Candidacy for a Governing Organization/Nursing Program Seeking Initial Accreditation, the effective date for initial accreditation of the associate nursing program is March 13, 2019. 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.

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 and the Evaluation Review Panel.

The Board of Commissioners identified the following:

Areas Needing Development

Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.3

- Ensure that the assessment of the end-of-program student learning outcomes is shared with the communities of interest.

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2

- Review and revise the expected level of achievement for the licensure examination pass rate to be congruent with the ACEN Criterion.
- Continue to identify and implement strategies/actions to improve the licensure examination pass rate when the expected level of achievement is not met.

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. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision. The processing of these certificates has been delayed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and will resume when ACEN staff members are able to return to the office. If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer