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CCNE-ACCREDITATION

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Dear Dr. Buck:

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE) Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on April 22-25, 2014, to grant accreditation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at Maryville University of St. Louis for 5 years, extending to June 30, 2019. The accreditation action is effective as of September 23, 2013, which is the first day of the program's recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the fall of 2018.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

As is required for all accredited programs, a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) must be submitted at the mid-point of the accreditation term. The CIPR must address the nursing program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards. The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is December 1, 2016. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report. For more information about CIPRs, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

Please note that the aforementioned CIPR needs to address the CCNE standards that are in effect at the time of submission. In the reminder letter sent approximately five months prior to the CIPR due date, CCNE will inform the program of the specific standards to be used and will provide guidance for the preparation of the report.

A copy of the accreditation report that was sent to you earlier, along with your response to it, is being transmitted to the institution's chief executive officer as the Commission's official report to Maryville University of St. Louis. We hope that both the results of your self-study process and the accreditation report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

If an institution elects to make public disclosure of a program's CCNE accreditation status, the institution must disclose that status accurately. Either of the following statements may be used for disclosure of the accreditation status to the public:

*The (baccalaureate/master's/DNP program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.*

*The (baccalaureate/master's/DNP program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>).*

For more information on CCNE's disclosure policy, as well as information on use of the CCNE accreditation seal, please visit <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/seal-policy/baccalaureate-graduate>.

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the current CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. These documents are available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/standards-procedures-resources/baccalaureate-graduate>. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the nursing program. Substantive change notifications must be submitted to CCNE no earlier than 90 days prior to implementation or occurrence of the change, but no later than 90 days after implementation or occurrence of the change. These reporting requirements are discussed further in the CCNE procedures.

We appreciate the many courtesies and the helpfulness extended to the CCNE evaluation team in the fall of 2013. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith F. Karshmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Judith F. Karshmer, PhD, PMHCNS-BC  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: President Mark Lombardi  
CCNE Board of Commissioners  
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee  
CCNE Evaluation Team