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Dear Dr. Anderson and Dr. Vant Hul:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in March 2022. The Board of Commissioners granted initial accreditation to the practical nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2026. Based on ACEN Policy #34 Candidacy for a Governing Organization/Nursing Program Seeking Initial Accreditation, the effective date for initial accreditation of the practical nursing program is January 27, 2021. 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 identified the following:

Areas of Strength

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.4

- The nursing program has strong student resource support services that include workshops, guided pathways, and health-related science engagement centers. Engagement centers host academic faculty advisors and student peer-tutors in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program, which is led by the Health-related Science Engagement Support Coordinator. There is a system in place for *Early Learning Alert* that triggers remediation. For academic advisement, the student is connected to the Student Outcome Specialist, who provides informational support for success and has an engaging book called *Study Workbook: Exercises for Success in Nursing School* in the LMS for students to read anytime.

Areas of Strength (continued)**Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.4**

The LMS provides distance learning training as well as IT instructions and support. Students have access to a Virtual Hospital, which is led by the Director of Simulation and Learning Laboratories. The Virtual Hospital and open laboratory concepts allow students to practice their skills and also work with others from different disciplines to learn collaboration. Students confirmed the importance and use of the workshops, guided pathways, and engagement center, detailing how they assist them in being successful. The SNO provides opportunities for all nursing students to be members without fee as well as leadership appointments. The SNO volunteers and fundraises for their community. Students have the opportunity to volunteer at free clinics and work with the homeless. Nursing students have formed and are actively involved in clubs such as Men in Nursing, Social Justice, and the Umoja Community.

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2

- Licensure pass rates for VN graduates have remained extremely high for the past three years. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic and following related protocols with students in 2020 and 2021, the licensure pass rates for first-time candidates were extraordinarily high.

Areas Needing Development**Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.3**

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

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.4


- Ensure the program has identified an appropriate job placement ELA based on program demographics.
- Continue to identify and implement strategies/actions to improve the program's job placement 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. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision.

In closing, the ACEN commends the flexibility, courage, and resiliency demonstrated by nursing program faculty and leaders, and their institutional colleagues during the global pandemic. The ACEN would like to offer a note of thanks for maintaining high standards while providing outstanding support to the students and your communities.

If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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