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April 4, 2014

Sandra Baker, DNP, RN, CNE
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Dear Dr. Baker:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting on March 13-14, 2014. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2021.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the College Catalog, the Site Visitors' Report, and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the Program Evaluators and the Evaluation Review Panel. (See Summary of Deliberations and Recommendation of the Evaluation Review Panel.)

The Board of Commissioners identified the following strength and areas needing development:

Areas of Strength by Accreditation Standard

Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity

- The Dean's procurement of state and federal funding to enhance the program outcomes

Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff

- Ensure all faculty files include documentation of academic credentials.

Standard 3 Students

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Standard 4 Curriculum


- Ensure that the program length is congruent with national guidelines and best practices and is accurately described by the nursing education unit.

Standard 6 Outcomes

- Implement strategies to improve the return rates on employer surveys to ensure sufficient data are collected and trended.

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: Cynthia K. Gilbert, Program Evaluator
Gerianne Babbo, Program Evaluator
Diane Evans-Prior, Program Evaluator

Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Review Panel

SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
ASSOCIATE EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL
FALL 2013 ACCREDITATION CYCLE

RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA

Program Accreditation History

Established: 1957 Initial Accreditation: January 1982 Last Evaluation Visit: Fall 2005
ACEN Standards and Criteria Used: 2008 Action: Continuing Accreditation

Overview

Length of Program: 74 units; five (5) semesters and two (2) six-week intersessions
Advanced placement option for LVNs that requires two (2) semesters
of nursing
30-unit option for LVNs

Number of Students: 340 Full-time: 340 Part-time: 0

Number of Faculty: 50 Full-time: 21 Part-time: 29

Evaluation Review Panel Summary

Recommendation:

**Continuing accreditation as the program is in compliance with all Accreditation Standards.
Next visit in eight (8) years.**

Commentary:

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