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Dear Dr. Ficca:

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE) Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on April 26-28, 2012, to grant accreditation to the baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania for 10 years, extending to June 30, 2022. These accreditation actions are effective as of October 18, 2011, which is the first day of the programs' recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the fall of 2021.

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At its meeting, the Board determined that the programs 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 programs' continued compliance with all accreditation standards. The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is June 1, 2017. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report in the winter of 2017. For more information about CIPRs, please refer to the CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/Procedures.pdf>.

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 5 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 Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. We hope that both the results of the self-study process and the accreditation report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing programs. Certificates of accreditation are enclosed.

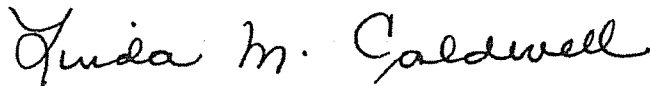
If a program or institution elects to make a public disclosure of a program's accreditation status with CCNE, the program or institution must disclose that status accurately. The program or institution disclosing the information must identify the nursing degree program and its affiliation with CCNE. The U.S. Department of Education requires that this statement include the accrediting agency's full name, address, and telephone number. CCNE has approved the following statement 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."

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the nursing programs or of any major organizational changes that may affect the programs' administration, scope, or quality. 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 2011. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Caldwell".

Linda M. Caldwell, DNSc, ANP-BC  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: President David L. Soltz  
CCNE Board of Commissioners  
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee  
CCNE Evaluation Team