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Dear Dr. Boeckman:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) at its meeting on June 29-30, 2011. The Board of Commissioners granted the associate nursing program continuing accreditation and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2019.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the School 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 areas needing development:

Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff

- Ensure that the majority of part-time faculty are credentialed with a minimum of a master's degree with a major in nursing.
- Ensure that the number and utilization of faculty (full- and part-time) are sufficient to achieve program outcomes.

Standard 3 Students

- Review and revise all program documents (paper and electronic) to ensure that information intended to inform the public is current, clear, accurate, and consistent, including the NLNAC information.

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Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard

Standard 5 Resources

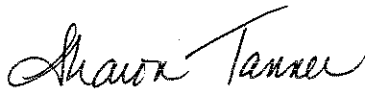
- Ensure that learning resources and technology selected by faculty are comprehensive, current, and accessible.

Standard 6 Outcomes

- Implement strategies to ensure that licensure exam pass rates are at or above the national mean.
- Implement strategies to increase program completion rates.
- Implement strategies to increase response rates of program satisfaction surveys.

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 Commission policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Cynthia Small, Program Evaluator
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Review Panel

SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
ASSOCIATE EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL
SPRING 2011 ACCREDITATION CYCLE

NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE
OHIO

Program Accreditation History

Established: 1972 Initial Accreditation: June 1979 Last Evaluation Visit: Spring 2003
Action: Continuing Accreditation

Overview

Length of Program: 108 credits; 7 quarters

Number of Students: 192

Full-time: 17

Part-time: 175

Number of Faculty: 23

Full-time: 13

Part-time: 10

Evaluation Review Panel Summary

Recommendation:

Continuing accreditation with conditions as the program is in non-compliance with one (1) Accreditation Standard. Follow-Up Report due in two (2) years. Next visit in eight (8) years if the Report is accepted by the Board of Commissioners.

Commentary:

Evidence of Non-Compliance by Accreditation Standard and Criterion

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff, Criteria 2.1.1 and 2.4

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Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. If you have questions about this action or about Commission policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN
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