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Louisiana Louis, DNP, RN Dean of Nursing Saint Petersburg College 7200 66th Street North Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Dear Dr. Louis:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in September 2020. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2028. 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 of Commissioners identified the following:

Areas of Strength

Standard I Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.4

 The Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center initiative not only provides education to nursing students teaching patients on smoking cessation, it also provides a stipend for the students who receive training. Stipends are used for student resources; recently, the department purchased iPads for nursing students. In addition, there is a system in place that sponsors students financially and provides extensive tuition support.

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.4

 The College of Nursing received a grant in order to provide Wi-Fi in students' homes.

Areas Needing Development

Standard I Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.3

 Ensure that the assessment of end-of-program student learning outcomes and program outcomes is shared with the communities of interest, and the communities of interest have input into program processes and decision-making.



Areas Needing Development (continued)

Standard 4 Curriculum, Criteria 4.2 and 4.7

- Ensure the end-of-program student learning outcomes are used to organize the curriculum, guide the delivery of instruction, and direct learning activities.
- Ensure evaluation methodologies measure the achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4

- Ensure the program demonstrates that there are appropriate assessment methods that result in meaningful data for each end-of-program student learning outcome.
- Continue to identify and implement strategies/actions to improve achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes when the expected levels of achievement are not met.
- Ensure the program demonstrates evidence that there are sufficient data to inform program decision-making for each end-of-program student learning outcome.
- Ensure the program demonstrates evidence that assessment data are analyzed and used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of students' attainment of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.
- Ensure the program demonstrates evidence that all graduates' first-time pass rate data are analyzed and used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of graduates' success on the licensure examination.
- Ensure a minimum of the three most recent years of available licensure examination pass rate data are disaggregated by program option.
- Continue to implement strategies/actions to improve the program completion rate when the expected level of achievement is not met.
- Ensure data are analyzed and used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of students' achievement in completion of the nursing program.
- Ensure that job placement data are sufficient to inform program decision-making.
- Ensure assessment data are consistently used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of graduates' job placement.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision. The processing of these certificates has been delayed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and will resume when ACEN staff members are able to return to the office. If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, MSN Chief Executive Officer

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