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Dear Dr. Graham:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that at its August 11, 2020 meeting the CCNE Board of Commissioners reviewed the special report submitted on June 17, 2020 by the master's degree program in nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at Colorado Mesa University. The Board determined that the DNP program has demonstrated compliance with Key Elements IV-F, IV-I, and IV-J, and that Standard IV is met, but that a compliance concern remains relative to Key Element IV-D.

The outcome of the review as related to the master's degree program will be addressed in a separate letter.

The Board directs the DNP program to submit a follow-up report demonstrating compliance with Key Element IV-D, as follows:

Provide evidence that FNP certification pass rates demonstrate program effectiveness (Key Element IV-D). Specifically, the report did not provide certification pass rate data by calendar year, as required by the key element. The follow-up report must include updated certification pass rate data from 2020. The institution may demonstrate compliance using any of the methods identified in Key Element IV-D, including the pass rate for the most recent calendar year; the pass rate for all takers (first-time and repeaters who pass) for the most recent calendar year; the pass rate for all first-time takers over the three most recent calendar years; or the pass rate for all takers (first-time and repeaters who pass) over the three most recent calendar years. The program must identify which option is used to calculate the pass rate. Though the program may combine certification pass rate data for multiple examinations relating to the same role and population when calculating the pass rate, it must provide certification pass rate data for each examination.

The follow-up report must be received in the CCNE office on or before April 15, 2021. Please email the report, along with appendices, if any, as a PDF attachment to ccnereports@ccneaccreditation.org. The report will be reviewed by the CCNE Board of Commissioners.

Additionally, in its accreditation letter dated June 3, 2019, the Board stated that upon review of the special report, the Board may act to extend the term of accreditation for up to an additional 7 years, resulting in the maximum 10-year term of accreditation. As a result of the Board's review of the special report, the term of accreditation for the DNP program at Colorado Mesa University has been extended to June 30, 2029.

The DNP program is now scheduled to host an on-site evaluation in the fall of 2028. Approximately 12-18 months prior to the time the on-site evaluation is to be

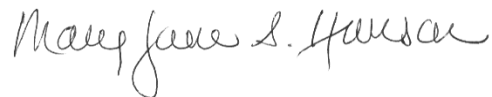
scheduled, you will be contacted by CCNE staff with information on initiating the re-evaluation process. Please note that the DNP program has been removed from the on-site evaluation scheduled for the fall of 2021.

The Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) for the DNP program is now due on June 1, 2024. Please note that the CIPR needs to address the CCNE standards that are in effect at the time of submission. In the reminder letter sent approximately five 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.

As a reminder, programs are expected to comply with the current 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*.

The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Jane S. Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'J'.

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Chair, CCNE Board of Commissioners

