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Dear Dr. Bailey:

Thank you for submitting the additional information to the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for the associate nursing program at Colorado Mesa University. The information is related to the closure of the associate program.

In previous correspondence, you indicated that the LPN-to-AAS program option, which is the only option for the associate nursing program, would cease admitting students in the Spring 2017 Semester as the university discussed the future of the associate program subsequent to the implementation of an LPN-to-BSN program option. You have confirmed that the final cohort of 55 students completed the program of study as planned, and all students had completed the associate program as of December 15, 2016. According to your correspondence, the program will not host the scheduled ACEN accreditation site visit in the Fall 2017 Cycle as the program will not be in operation at that time.

While you indicated previously that the program would be considered inactivated, please note that inactivation of the associate program is discretionary and is not considered grounds for a delay of the accreditation site visit in the Fall 2017 Cycle in accordance with Policy #6 Delay/Advancement of Continuing Accreditation Visit.

Based on the information provided, the associate program will be recorded as closed following completion of the final cohort in December 2016. If you wish to seek ACEN accreditation for the associate program in the future, it will be necessary to begin the Candidacy process.

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Your notification has been accepted, and the program's record will be updated to reflect the final closure of the associate program as December 15, 2016. No further action is required at this time. Please feel free to contact a member of the ACEN professional staff if you have any questions. Thank you for your commitment to quality nursing education!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsal P. Stoll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "S".

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