



May 24, 2010

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Dear Dr. Reuss:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that the CCNE Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on April 22-24, 2010, to grant accreditation of the baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Mesa State College for the term of 10 years, extending to June 30, 2020. The accreditation action is effective as of November 9, 2009, which is the first day of the program's recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the fall of 2019.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program 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, the Board requested that the program submit a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) at the mid-point of the accreditation term. The CIPR should address the nursing program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards. The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is June 1, 2015. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report in the fall of 2015. 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/Accreditation/pdf/Procedures.pdf>.

Beginning January 1, 2010, all programs are required to comply with the CCNE *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, amended April 2009. The aforementioned CIPR will need to address the 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 Mesa State College. We hope that both the results of your self-study process and the accreditation report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

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 your nursing program or of any major organizational changes that may affect the program's administration, scope, or quality. Substantive change notifications must be submitted to CCNE no

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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 2009. 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, appearing to read "C. Ledbetter", with a stylized, flowing script.

Carol Ledbetter, PhD, FNP, BC, FAAN
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: President Timothy Foster
CCNE Board of Commissioners
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee
CCNE Evaluation Team

CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

In accordance with its accreditation standards and procedures, the



has accredited the

Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing

at

Mesa State College

Director of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Prof. Butch

April 24, 2010

Date of Accreditation Action

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is listed by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

This certificate is effective for the duration of the period of accreditation.