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Dear Dr. Bailey:

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE) Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on April 22-25, 2014, to grant accreditation to the master's degree program in nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at Colorado Mesa University for 5 years, extending to June 30, 2019. These accreditation actions are effective as of October 21, 2013, which is the first day of the programs' recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the fall of 2018.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the programs met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns for the master's program with respect to the key elements. However, there is a compliance concern for the DNP program with respect to Key Element II-E.

As is required for all accredited programs, a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) must be submitted at the mid-point of the accreditation term.

The master's program must submit a CIPR addressing the program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards.

The DNP program must submit a CIPR addressing the program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards and focusing, in particular, on the following compliance concern:

Demonstrate that, when used by the program, preceptors, as an extension of faculty, are academically and experientially qualified for their role in assisting in the achievement of the mission, goals, and expected student outcomes (Key Element II-E). Specifically, the program must demonstrate that preceptors have the expertise to support student achievement of expected learning outcomes.

The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is December 1, 2016. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report. For more information about CIPRs, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

Please note that the aforementioned 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.

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 Colorado Mesa University. We hope that both the results of the self-study process and the accreditation report will be useful to the continued

growth and development of the nursing programs. Certificates of accreditation are enclosed.

If an institution elects to make public disclosure of a program's CCNE accreditation status, the institution must disclose that status accurately. Either of the following statements may be used for disclosure of the accreditation status to the public:

*The (baccalaureate/master's/DNP program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202- 887-6791.*

*The (baccalaureate/master's/DNP program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>).*

For more information on CCNE's disclosure policy, as well as information on use of the CCNE accreditation seal, please visit <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/seal-policy/baccalaureate-graduate>.

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the current CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. These documents are available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/standards-procedures-resources/baccalaureate-graduate>. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the nursing programs. 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.

We appreciate the many courtesies and the helpfulness extended to the CCNE evaluation team in the fall of 2013. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing programs.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Karshmer, PhD, PMHCNS-BC  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

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

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