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Dear Mr. Foster:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) at its meeting on March 7-8, 2013. The Board of Commissioners granted the associate nursing program initial accreditation and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2017. The details of the accreditation visit and the decision put forth by the Board of Commissioners have been sent to the program's nurse administrator.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. If you have questions about this action or about NLNAC policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Sharon-J. Tanner, EdD, RN  
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Dear Ms. Bailey:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) at its meeting on March 7-8, 2013. The Board of Commissioners granted the associate nursing program initial accreditation and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2017.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the School Catalog, the Site Visitors' Report, and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the Program Evaluators and the Evaluation Review Panel. (See Summary of Deliberations and Recommendation of the Evaluation Review Panel.)

The Board of Commissioners identified the following areas needing development:

### Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard

#### **Standard 2 Faculty and Staff**

- Develop and implement a formal, written orientation and mentoring program for full- and part-time faculty.

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**Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard (continued)**

**Standard 6 Outcomes**

- Develop and implement a centralized process for aggregation and trending of data to improve consistency in use of data for decision-making.
- Trend and aggregate data by student cohort and location prior to aggregation as a whole.
- Implement strategies to increase response rates for graduate and employer surveys to ensure sufficient data are available for decision-making.
- Implement strategies to monitor the job placement rates and implement appropriate actions.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. If you have questions about this action or about NLNAC policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN  
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cc: Pat Morgan, Program Evaluator  
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Review Panel