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Dear Dr. Melton:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting on July 10–11, 2018. Please be advised that the Board of Commissioners' decisions are based on the ACEN 2017 Standards and Criteria. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2026.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the Catalog, the Site Visit Report, and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the peer 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 of Strength

#### **Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.4**

- During the Thomas wildfire, nursing students followed the example of faculty and staff and served as shelter volunteers. Their commitment was not limited to this time of crisis, and it was reported by faculty, college administrators, and other individuals that the student services team worked together to address student needs.

### Areas Needing Development

#### **Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.6**

- Continue to implement institutional strategies to address the default rate.

#### **Standard 4 Curriculum, Criterion 4.2**

- Ensure the course student learning outcomes/course outcomes consistently progress throughout the curriculum in support of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.

#### **Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.1**

- Ensure the program demonstrates that there are appropriate assessment methods that result in meaningful data for each end-of-program student learning outcome.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. 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 ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marsal P. Stoll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, MSN  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Carole Grady, Peer Evaluator  
Donna Hood, Peer Evaluator  
Suzan Shane-Gray, Peer Evaluator

Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Panel