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Dear Dr. Shannon:

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 May 7-10, 2019, to grant accreditation to the **baccalaureate degree program in nursing** at Montana State University for 10 years, extending to June 30, 2029. The accreditation action is effective as of October 15, 2018, 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 2028.

The *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* (2018) went into effect January 1, 2019. As the on-site evaluation occurred in 2018, the program was considered using the *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* (2013).

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there is a compliance concern with respect to Key Element IV-F.

A compliance report must be submitted to demonstrate the program's compliance with the following key element(s):

Provide evidence that faculty outcomes, individually and in the aggregate, demonstrate program effectiveness; and, specifically, that actual faculty outcomes are presented in the aggregate for the faculty as a group, analyzed, and compared to expected outcomes (Key Element IV-F, 2013 *Standards*; Key Elements IV-G and IV-H, 2018 *Standards*).

Please note that the compliance report will need to address the 2018 Standards.

For this reason, the compliance concern(s) noted above have been crosswalked to the appropriate key element(s) in the 2018 *Standards*. A complete crosswalk table comparing the 2013 *Standards* to the 2018 *Standards* is available at <https://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/Crosswalk-2013-2018-Standards.pdf>. The 2018 *Standards* are available at <https://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/Standards-Final-2018.pdf>.

The deadline for submitting the compliance report to CCNE is June 1, 2020. Please email the report, along with appendices, if any, as a PDF attachment to cnereports@ccneaccreditation.org.

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 deadline for submitting the CIPR to CCNE is June 1, 2024.

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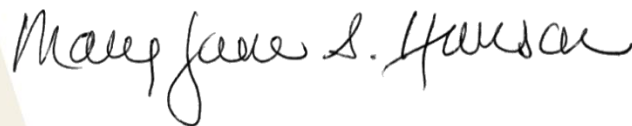
As you know, the team report and the program's response to the team report are available to the institution in the CCNE Online Community. We hope that the results of the self-study process and the team report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

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At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are compliance concerns with respect to Key Elements IV-E and IV-F.

A compliance report must be submitted to demonstrate the program's compliance with the following key elements:

1. Provide evidence that program outcomes demonstrate program effectiveness (Key Element IV-E, 2013 *Standards*; Key Elements IV-I and IV-J, 2018 *Standards*). Specifically, the program did not identify expected levels of achievement for its outcomes, and there was no comparison of expected outcomes to actual outcomes to demonstrate program effectiveness.
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