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Dear Dr. Fierro and Ms. Brooks:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in March 2022. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2029. Please see ACEN Policy #9 Disclosure of Information About an Accredited Program for the required disclosure statement regarding this decision that must be made to all current and prospective students within seven business days of this letter.

Deliberations centered on the materials available to the Board from this accreditation review process and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the peer evaluators on the site visit team and the Evaluation Review Panel.

The Board identified the following:

Areas of Strength

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.3

Clinical Assistants and support services are used to help students successfully complete the program, which is evident by the retention rate. Students stated, "Peer support is our culture." Several grants and funds have been used to provide appropriate resources for the nursing program at CCC. Additionally, several programs are available to aid students, such as Cerritos Complete, Franco's Closet, grants, and mental health resources via a certified social worker. Another identified strength for the program is the Assessment, Remediation, and Retention Grant in the amount of approximately \$171,000 from the Chancellor's Office to support student success and retention. Retention numbers are impressive, especially when paired with the strong licensure examination pass rates. Students reported that faculty are tremendously supportive and inclusive, fostering what one student reported as, "a culture support and mentorship" not only from faculty to students, but from student to student, as well.

Areas Needing Development**Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.3**

- Ensure that data from the assessment of end-of-program student learning outcomes are shared with the communities of interest.

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.2

- Review and revise program documents (paper and electronic) to ensure that information intended to inform the public is accurate and clear.

Standard 4 Curriculum, Criterion 4.7

- Ensure evaluation methodologies measure the achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.1 and 6.3

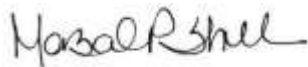
- Ensure there are specific, measurable expected levels of achievement for each assessment method.
- Ensure there are appropriate assessment methods that result in meaningful data for each end-of-program student learning outcome.
- Ensure assessment data are used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of students' attainment of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.
- Ensure there is documentation demonstrating the use of assessment data in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of each end-of-program student learning outcome.
- Ensure that disaggregated data are used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of students' completion of the nursing program.
- Ensure documentation demonstrates the use of assessment data in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of students' completion of the nursing program.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision.

In closing, the ACEN commends the flexibility, courage, and resiliency demonstrated by nursing program faculty and leaders, and their institutional colleagues during the global pandemic. The ACEN would like to offer a note of thanks for maintaining high standards while providing outstanding support to the students and your communities.

If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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