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Dear Dr. Kraft:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting on July 14-15, 2016. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the baccalaureate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2024.

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 by Accreditation Standard**

#### **Standard 5 Resources**

- Through the Southeast Georgia Health System Distinguished Chair endowment and the Nunnally Fund, the nursing education unit receives approximately \$100,000 annually to support the faculty and students in achievement of the student learning outcomes and program outcomes.

### **Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard**

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

- Ensure that preceptors are academically qualified.

#### **Standard 3 Students**

- Ensure institutional strategies continue to be implemented to address the default rate.
- Ensure orientation to technology is provided and technological support is available to the distance education (RN-to-BSN) students.

#### **Standard 4 Curriculum**

- Ensure consistent documentation is maintained demonstrating that the curriculum is developed by the faculty and regularly reviewed to ensure integrity, rigor, and currency.

**Standard 6 Outcomes**

- Develop and implement strategies to collect and trend data by program option and date of completion prior to aggregation for the program as a whole.
- Ensure program documentation reflects the analysis and use of data by the faculty in program decision-making.
- Develop and implement a consistent documentation process for data collection and trending, faculty review of data, and use of data for decision-making.

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,



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Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jessica Parrott, Peer Evaluator  
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Panel