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Commission on
Collegiate Nursing
Education

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Dear Dr. Fox:

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 October 3, 2003 to grant accreditation of the baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing at California State University, Chico for a term of five years, extending to December 31, 2008. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the spring of 2008.

At its meeting, the Board determined that both programs met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

As is required for all accredited programs, the Board requested that the programs submit a continuous improvement progress report at the mid-point of the accreditation term. That report should address the nursing programs' continued compliance with all accreditation standards. The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is December 31, 2006. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report in the spring of 2007. For more information about the continuous improvement progress report, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

A copy of the accreditation report that was sent to you earlier, along with your response to it, is being transmitted to the institution's chief executive officer as the Commission's official report to California State University, Chico. We hope that both the results of your self-study process and the accreditation report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing programs. Certificates of accreditation are enclosed.

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in your nursing programs or of any major organizational changes that may affect the programs' administration, scope or quality. These reporting requirements are discussed further in the CCNE procedures.

Finally, please note that the Board also acted at its October 2003 meeting to revise the CCNE standards. The revised standards will be effective on January 1, 2005. As a result, any program hosting a CCNE on-site evaluation and/or submitting a report to CCNE after January 1, 2005, including the continuous improvement progress report referenced above, will be required to comply with the revised *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs*. CCNE will be providing assistance to programs, as appropriate, as they transition to the revised standards. The revised standards are posted on the CCNE Web site at

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www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation, and will be distributed to all CCNE-affiliated programs next month.

We appreciate the many courtesies and the helpfulness extended to the CCNE evaluation team in the spring of 2003. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlotte F. Beason".

Charlotte F. Beason, EdD, RN, CNAA
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: President Manuel A. Esteban
CCNE Board of Commissioners
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee
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