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Dear Dr. Lightfoot:

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 2-4, 2018, to grant accreditation to the **baccalaureate degree program in nursing** at California State University, Chico for 10 years, extending to December 31, 2028. The accreditation action is effective as of February 14, 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 spring of 2028.

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-H.

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).
2. Demonstrate that data analysis is used to foster ongoing program improvement (Key Element IV-H).

The deadline for submitting the compliance report to CCNE is December 1, 2019. Please be advised that the revised [Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs \(Standards\)](#) (2018) go into effect on January 1, 2019, and thus **the compliance report will need to address the 2018 Standards**. A 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>. Please email the report, along with appendices, if any, as a PDF attachment to ccnereports@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 December 1, 2023.

Please note that each aforementioned report needs to demonstrate the program's compliance with the CCNE standards that are in effect at the time of the report's submission. As a courtesy, CCNE will send a reminder letter to the chief nurse administrator informing the program of the specific standards and/or key elements to be addressed in the report, and will provide guidance for the preparation of the report. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, review each report. For more information about reports and the report review process, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

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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.

In accordance with CCNE policy, if a program or institution elects to make a public disclosure of a program's accreditation status with CCNE, the program or institution must disclose that status accurately. The program or institution disclosing the information must identify the nursing program and its affiliation with CCNE. Please refer to CCNE's disclosure policy and the statements CCNE has approved for use, as well as information on use of the CCNE accreditation seal, at <http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE/Seal-Policy/Baccalaureate-Graduate>. Please ensure that the institution's website and other materials are updated to reflect this language, as appropriate.

As noted above, the revised [Standards for Accreditation for Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs](#) (2018) go into effect on January 1, 2019. All programs are expected to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures that are in effect throughout the period of accreditation. These documents are available at <http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE-Accreditation/Resources-for/Education-Administrators>. This includes advising CCNE in the event of a substantive change affecting the nursing program. Substantive change notifications must be submitted to CCNE no earlier than 90 days prior to implementation or occurrence of the change, but no later than 90 days after implementation or occurrence of the change. These reporting requirements are described further in the CCNE procedures.

Thank you for your participation in the CCNE accreditation process. The Commissioners join me in expressing our very best wishes as you continue to promote excellence in nursing education.

Sincerely,



Judith Lewis, EdD, RN
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: President Gayle E. Hutchinson
CCNE Board of Commissioners
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee
CCNE Evaluation Team