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April 6, 2015

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Dear Ms. Weeks:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting on March 12-13, 2015. The Board of Commissioners granted initial accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2019.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the Catalog, the Site Visitors' Report, and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the Program Evaluators and the Evaluation Review Panel. (See Summary of Deliberations and Recommendation of the Evaluation Review Panel.)

The Board of Commissioners identified the following strengths and areas needing development:

Areas of Strength by Accreditation Standard

Standard 4 Curriculum

- Consistent and well-planned didactic and clinical remediation for students
- A well-documented curriculum review and revision process

Standard 5 Resources

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Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard

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- Ensure the program student learning outcomes and role-specific graduate competencies are clearly articulated throughout the curriculum.
- Ensure the number of student learning outcomes is effective in organizing the curriculum, guiding the delivery of instruction, directing learning activities, and evaluating student progress.

Standard 6 Outcomes

- Review and refine the expected levels of achievement to ensure each is congruent with the component being assessed and method of assessment.
- Ensure the aggregated data are documented in the evaluation plan in addition to the trended data.

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,



Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, MSN
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Elizabeth Mahaffey, Program Evaluator
Scott Thigpen, Program Evaluator
Cheryl McFaden, Program Evaluator
Lana de Ruyter, Program Evaluator

Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Review Panel

SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
ASSOCIATE EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL
FALL 2014 ACCREDITATION CYCLE

WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NORTH CAROLINA

Program Accreditation History

Established: 1973 Initial Accreditation: N/A Last Evaluation Visit: N/A
Action: N/A

Overview

Length of Program: 72 credits; five (5) semesters
LPN-to-RN option: 72 credits; three (3) semesters of nursing plus the
general education requirements

Number of Students: 292 Full-time: 9 Part-time: 283

Number of Faculty: 49 Full-time: 24 Part-time: 25

Evaluation Review Panel Summary

Recommendation:

Initial accreditation as the program is in compliance with all Accreditation Standards.
Next review in five (5) years.

Commentary:

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