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Dear Dr. Panniers:

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE) Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on October 4-6, 2012, to grant accreditation to the baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Trinity Washington University for 5 years, extending the current term of accreditation to December 31, 2017. Additionally, the Board will consider the possibility of a 5-year extension after its review of the Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR). The accreditation action is effective as of March 14, 2012, 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 2017.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there is a compliance concern with respect to Key Element IV-C.

The Board granted a 5-year term of accreditation for the baccalaureate program with the stipulation that the CIPR address the program's continued compliance with all standards and focus, in particular, on the following compliance concern:

Demonstrate that aggregate student outcome data provide evidence of the program's effectiveness in achieving its mission, goals, and expected outcomes, including in particular improved NLCEX-RN® pass rates (Key Element IV-C).

The Board also determined that if, at the time of the review of the CIPR, there is no longer a compliance concern with Key Element IV-C and there is continued compliance with all standards and key elements, the Board may act to extend the term of accreditation for up to an additional 5 years, resulting in the maximum 10-year term of accreditation.

The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is June 1, 2015. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report in the fall of 2015. For more information about CIPRs, please refer to the CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/Procedures.pdf>.

Please note that the aforementioned CIPR needs to address the CCNE standards that are in effect at the time of submission. In the reminder letter sent approximately five months prior to the CIPR due date, CCNE will inform the

program of the specific standards to be used and will provide guidance for the preparation of the report.

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 Trinity Washington University. 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 program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

If a program or institution elects to make public disclosure of a program's CCNE accreditation status, the program or institution must disclose that status accurately. Either of the following statements may be used for disclosure of the accreditation status to the public:

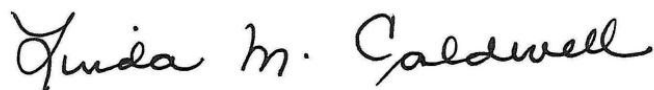
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As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the nursing program or of any major organizational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

We appreciate the many courtesies and the helpfulness extended to the CCNE evaluation team in the spring of 2012. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing program.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: President Patricia A. McGuire
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