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Dear Dr. Emami:

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 and master's degree programs in nursing at Seattle University for 10 years, extending to December 31, 2022. These accreditation actions are effective as of April 16, 2012, which is the first day of the programs' recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the spring of 2022.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the 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, a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) must be submitted at the mid-point of the accreditation term. The CIPR must address the nursing programs' continued compliance with all accreditation standards. The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is December 1, 2017. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report in the spring of 2018. 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 Seattle University. We hope that both the results of the 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.

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:

*The (baccalaureate/master's/DNP program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One*

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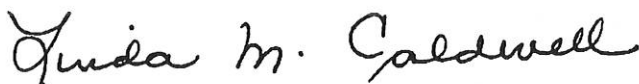
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As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the nursing programs or of any major organizational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

Sincerely,



Linda M. Caldwell, DNSc, ANP-BC  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: President Stephen V. Sundborg  
CCNE Board of Commissioners  
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee  
CCNE Evaluation Team