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Dear Dr. Juve:

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE) Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on April 25-27, 2013, to grant accreditation to the baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Upper Iowa University for 10 years, extending to June 30, 2023. The accreditation action is effective as of October 10, 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 fall of 2022.

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-E.

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 program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards and must focus, in particular, on the following compliance concern:

Demonstrate that aggregate faculty outcomes are consistent with and contribute to achievement of the program's mission, goals, and expected student outcomes (Key Element IV-E).

The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is June 1, 2018. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board, will review the progress report in the winter of 2018. For more information about CIPRs, please refer to the *CCNE Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, available <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accrreditation/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 Upper Iowa 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 will be mailed to your attention this summer.

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:

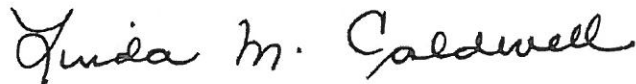
The (baccalaureate/master's/DNP program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

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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 fall 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda M. Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "C".

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

cc: President Alan G. Walker
CCNE Board of Commissioners
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee
CCNE Evaluation Team