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Dear Ms. Hackler:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission at its meeting on July 8-9, 2009. The Board of Commissioners granted the associate nursing program continuing accreditation with the condition that your program submit a Follow-Up Report in 2 years. If the Follow-Up Report is accepted by the Commission, the next evaluation visit will be scheduled for Spring 2017. The Board of Commissioners granted the practical nursing program continuing accreditation with the condition that your program submit a Follow-Up Report in 18 months. If the Follow-Up Report is accepted by the Commission, the next evaluation visit will be scheduled for Spring 2017.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the School 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 evidence of non-compliance as well as areas of strength and areas needing development:

Evidence of Non-Compliance by Accreditation Standard and Criterion

Standard II. Faculty, Criterion 5

- Nursing faculty do not hold at a minimum a master's degree with a major in nursing. (Five of eight full-time faculty hold a graduate degree in nursing.) (A)
- One part-time faculty holds a baccalaureate, and one holds an associate degree as their highest nursing credential. (A)
- Less than 50% of full-time nursing faculty engaged in didactic teaching are credentialed with a master's degree in nursing. (One of five full-time faculty holds a graduate degree in nursing.) (P)

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Areas of Strengths by Accreditation Standard

Standard IV. Curriculum and Instruction

- Implementation of the innovative Online Paramedic/LPN Transition Option. (P)

Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard

Standard II. Faculty

- Define and implement the definition of scholarship. (A)

Standard V. Resources

- Explore options to sufficiently support operations of the nursing unit. (A)
- Evaluate the adequacy of the classroom space at McPherson to ensure its appropriateness to support the purposes of the nursing education unit. (P)
- Review funds to ensure adequate support for professional development for practical nursing faculty. (P)

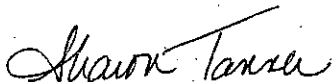
Standard VII. Educational Effectiveness

- Refine evaluation plan to ensure all expected levels of achievement are written in measurable terms. (A)

A Follow-Up Report requires the nursing education unit to demonstrate paper compliance with a specific accreditation standard/s. The Follow-Up Report for the associate and practical nursing programs is to address Standard II. Faculty. The report for the associate program is to be submitted to NLNAC by Fall 2011. The report for the practical nursing program is to be submitted to NLNAC by Spring 2011. At the time of its review of the Follow-Up Report, the Commission will either affirm the time of the next evaluation visit or remove the nursing program from the list of accredited programs. Dr. Ngozi Nkongho has been assigned as your mentor. We strongly recommend contacting her after reviewing the enclosed. Dr. Nkongho can be reached at 404-975-5003 or by email at nkongho@nlac.org.

On behalf of the Commission, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. By choosing to have accreditation by NLNAC, your nursing program demonstrates a continued interest in having the program measured against the highest national standards of quality in nursing education. If you have questions about this action or about Commission policies and procedures, please write or call me or a member of the Professional Staff.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Jane June, Program Evaluator
Susan Nelson, Program Evaluator
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Review Panel