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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners has approved the revised *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs (2024)*. The revised *Standards* document is the result of a comprehensive 18-month review process that included national forums and significant input by CCNE's community of interest through broad-based calls for comment.

The Board-appointed CCNE Standards Committee worked diligently to consider updates relative to nursing program quality and effectiveness, changes in the healthcare and higher education arenas, feedback from constituents, and clarifications to CCNE's 2018 accreditation standards. The committee reviewed more than 1,500 emailed comments and survey responses submitted by CCNE's communities of interest in response to open comment periods in Fall 2022, Fall 2023, and Winter 2024. Dr. Anne Hirsch, Professor, Child, Family and Population Health Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Washington, and Dr. Pamela Simmons, Senior Director Emerita and Professor, College of Nursing, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, served as co-chairs of the Standards Committee, providing thoughtful leadership throughout the revision process. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I congratulate all members of the Standards Committee on their exemplary work.

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The Board has determined that the 2024 CCNE *Standards* go into effect January 1, 2025. Therefore, all baccalaureate and graduate nursing education programs hosting a CCNE on-site evaluation and/or submitting a report to CCNE on or after January 1, 2025 are required to address the revised CCNE *Standards*. (Note: This includes a self-study document that is submitted to CCNE prior to January 1, 2025, for an on-site evaluation occurring in January or February 2025.) CCNE's 2018 *Standards* will remain in effect through December 31, 2024.

A pre-publication version of the 2024 *Standards* and an overview of substantive changes to the CCNE *Standards* is accessible at <https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/baccalaureate-and-graduate-nursing-programs-standards>. [July 3, 2024 note: The prior link is no longer active with the publication of the final 2024 CCNE *Standards*. The *Standards* and an overview of substantive changes are now available at <https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/accreditation-resources/standards-procedures-guidelines>.] Additionally, a revised self-study template and a crosswalk table showing the relationship between the 2018 and 2024 *Standards* will be available on the CCNE website later this spring.

CCNE will be hosting webinars in the coming months to orient program representatives to the revised CCNE *Standards* and to re-train CCNE evaluators and decision-makers.

As always, the CCNE staff is available for consultation and guidance. If you have questions about CCNE's 2024 *Standards*, please contact Dr. Daniel Michalski, at 202-887-6791 x253 or dmichalski@ccneaccreditation.org.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thank you for participating in the standards revision process and for your interest in quality baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip R. Martinez, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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