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To: U.S. Department of Education  
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From: Dr. Philip R. Martinez, Jr., Chair  
CCNE Board of Commissioners

Re: Revised CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs*

This communication is to inform you that the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)--a nationally recognized accrediting agency for baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs, entry-to-practice nurse residency programs, and nurse practitioner fellowship and residency programs--acted on February 24, 2023 to amend CCNE's *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs (Procedures)*. In accordance with its commitment to ongoing self-assessment and continuous quality improvement, CCNE periodically undertakes a review of its core documents, and these revisions are a result of such review.

The *Procedures* can be accessed at <http://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/Procedures.pdf>. The revised *Procedures* go into effect immediately. CCNE publishes separate accreditation procedures guiding the accreditation of nurse residency and fellowship programs.

The revisions to the *Procedures* are non-substantive in nature, codify existing CCNE practice, and align with U.S. Department of Education requirements. For example, a statement has been added clarifying that the effective date of a CCNE accreditation action will not predate either a) an earlier action by CCNE to deny or withdraw accreditation of the program or b) CCNE's formal acceptance of the program's application to pursue initial accreditation (pp. 19-20). Additionally, language has been added to clarify CCNE's existing practice regarding consideration of new financial information upon appeal of an adverse action (pp. 30-31).

If you have any questions about these revisions, please contact Benjamin Murray, Deputy Executive Director, at 202-887-6791 x275 or at [bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org](mailto:bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org).

Thank you.