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Dear Dr. Lopez:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that the CCNE Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on September 20-22, 2016, to grant accreditation to the **post-graduate APRN certificate program** at Western University of Health Sciences for 10 years, extending to December 31, 2026. The accreditation action is effective as of March 14, 2016, 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 spring of 2026.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are compliance concerns with respect to Key Elements IV-E and IV-H.

A Compliance Report must be submitted to demonstrate the program's compliance with the following key elements:

1. Provide evidence that program outcomes demonstrate program effectiveness (Key Element IV-E).
2. Demonstrate that data analysis is used to foster ongoing program improvement (Key Element IV-H).

The deadline for submitting the Compliance Report to CCNE is December 1, 2017.

As is required for all accredited programs, a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) must be submitted at the mid-point of the accreditation term. Please note that the CIPR needs to address and demonstrate the program's compliance with the CCNE standards and key elements that are in effect at the time of its submission. As a courtesy, CCNE will send a reminder letter to the chief nurse administrator approximately five months prior to the CIPR submission deadline, informing the program of the specific standards to be used and providing guidance for the preparation of the report. The deadline for submitting the CIPR to CCNE is December 1, 2021. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the CIPR. For more information about CIPRs and the report review process, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

A copy of the accreditation team report that was sent to you earlier, along with the program's response to it, is being transmitted to the institution's chief executive officer as CCNE's official report to Western University of Health Sciences. We hope that both the results of the self-study process and the team report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

In accordance with CCNE policy, if a program or institution elects to make a public disclosure of a program's accreditation status with CCNE, the program or institution

must disclose that status accurately. The program or institution disclosing the information must identify the nursing program and its affiliation with CCNE. This statement must include *either* the accrediting agency's full name, address, and telephone number *or* the accrediting agency's full name and address of the website home page, which identifies CCNE's address and telephone number. For more information on CCNE's disclosure policy and to access the statements that CCNE has approved for use, as well as information on use of the CCNE accreditation seal, please visit <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/seal-policy/baccalaureate-graduate>. Please ensure that the institution's website and other materials are updated to reflect this language, as appropriate.

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the current CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. These documents are available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/standards-procedures-resources/baccalaureate-graduate>. This includes advising CCNE in the event of a substantive change affecting the nursing program. 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.

Thank you for your participation in the CCNE accreditation process. The Commissioners join me in expressing our very best wishes as you continue to promote excellence in nursing education.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: Interim President Gary Gugelchuk  
CCNE Board of Commissioners  
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee  
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