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April 7, 2017

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Dear Dr. Gaw:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting on March 9-10, 2017. The Board of Commissioners voted to accept the Follow-Up Report and grant continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program with removal of conditions as the program is in compliance with all Accreditation Standards and Criteria reviewed. The Commission also affirmed the next onsite accreditation review for the Spring 2023 cycle.

Deliberations centered on the Follow-Up Report and the recommendation of the Evaluation Review Panel. (See Summary of Deliberations and Recommendation of the Evaluation Review Panel.)

The Board of Commissioners identified the following:

Areas Needing Development

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff, Criteria 2.3 and 2.7

- Ensure the faculty credentials meet governing organization and state requirements.
- Ensure the number and utilization of support staff for the nursing education unit are sufficient to achieve the program goals and outcomes.

We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. On behalf of the ACEN Board of Commissioners, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, MSN
Chief Executive Officer

Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Panel

**SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
ASSOCIATE EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL
FALL 2016 FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

**PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TUCSON, AZ**

Accreditation Status

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| Program Type: | <u>Associate</u> |
| Last Evaluation Visit: | <u>Spring 2015</u> |
| Last Commission Action: | <u>July 2015</u> |
| | <u>Continuing accreditation with conditions as the program is in non-compliance with one (1) Accreditation Standard.</u> |
| | <u>Follow-Up Report due in Fall 2016 addressing: Standard 2 Faculty and Staff, Criterion 2.2 (2013 Standards and Criteria)</u> |
| | <u>Next visit in Spring 2023 if the Report is accepted by the Board of Commissioners.</u> |

Evaluation Review Panel Summary

Recommendation:
Accept the Follow-Up Report.

Commentary:

Areas Needing Development

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff, Criteria 2.3, 2.7, and 2.10

- Ensure the faculty credentials meet governing organization and state requirements.
- Ensure the number and utilization of support staff for the nursing education unit are sufficient to achieve the program goals and outcomes.
- Ensure the faculty engage in ongoing development and receive support for instructional and distance technologies.