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Commission on
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Dear Dr. Bleich:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that at its meeting on April 23-25, 2009, the CCNE Board of Commissioners reviewed the continuous improvement progress report submitted by the baccalaureate degree program in nursing and master's degree program in nursing at Oregon Health & Science University and determined that the programs continue to meet all accreditation standards.

According to our records, the next on-site evaluation of the baccalaureate degree program in nursing and master's degree program in nursing should be scheduled for spring of 2013. Approximately 12-18 months prior to the time the on-site evaluation is to be scheduled, you will be contacted by CCNE staff with information on initiating the reevaluation process.

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As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation, and to demonstrate continued compliance by means of periodic reporting. Reporting requirements for all accredited programs include advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the programs or of any major organizational changes that may affect the programs' administration, scope, or quality. 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, along with the completion of an annual report, are detailed in the CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education Programs*, available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Accreditation/pdf/Procedures.pdf>.

The CCNE *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, amended by the CCNE Board in April 2008, went into effect on January 1, 2009. It is available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Accreditation/pdf/standards.pdf>. Programs are expected to comply with the amended standards. Please note that, on January 1, 2010, the *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, amended April 2009, will go into effect for all programs.

The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing programs.

Sincerely,

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Chair, CCNE Board of Commissioners

cc: CCNE Board of Commissioners
CCNE Report Review Committee