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Dear Dr. Frantz:

The Executive Committee of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) acted to approve the substantive change notification submitted in Spring 2012 by the nursing unit at The University of Iowa. The Executive Committee determined that the Doctor of Nursing Practice program adequately addressed program growth (increased student headcount enrollment) as reported in the 2011 American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s Annual Survey of Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Nursing. As a nationally recognized accrediting agency, CCNE is required by the U.S. Department of Education to monitor program growth with respect to increase in student headcount enrollment.

As you are aware, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the programs or 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 are detailed in the CCNE Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs, available at http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/Procedures.pdf.

Thank you for providing CCNE with the substantive change notification. We apologize for the delay in communicating this action to you. We have since streamlined our internal processes to prevent such lengthy delays from occurring as a result of the Commission’s review of substantive change notifications in the future. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve our processes.

Please do not hesitate to contact Crystal Pool, CCNE Assistant Director, at 202-887-6791 x245 or cpool@aacn.nche.edu, if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

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