



HLC Accreditation Evidence

Title: Accreditation: Associate Degree in Nursing Program (ACEN)

URL:

Office of Origin: Vice President of Instruction

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Dear Dr. Kottas:

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 granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program with removal of warning and affirmed the next evaluation visit for Spring 2022.

Deliberations centered on the Follow-Up Report, the Follow-Up Site Visit Report, and the recommendation proposed by the peer evaluators and 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 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.2 and 6.4.1

- Ensure strategies/actions are identified when the expected levels of achievement are not met.
- Develop and implement strategies to improve the licensure examination pass rate.

On behalf of the 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,

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Chief Executive Officer

cc: Patricia Finnell, Peer Evaluator
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Panel

**SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL
FALL 2016 ACCREDITATION CYCLE**

**BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
KANSAS**

Program Accreditation History

Program
Type: Associate
Established: 1969 Initial Accreditation: 1981 Last Evaluation Visit: Spring 2014
Action: Continuing Accreditation with Warning

Overview

Length of Program: LPN-to-ADN: 2 semesters; 70 credits

Percentage of Nursing Credits Delivered by Distance Education: 0%

Number of Students: 29 Full-time: 4 Part-time: 25

Number of Faculty: 4 Full-time: 2 Part-time: 2

Number of Faculty: Full-time: 1 Part-time: 0
(Shared)

Evaluation Review Panel Summary

Recommendation:
Denial of continuing accreditation as the program continues to be in non-compliance with one (1) or more Accreditation Standards.

Commentary:

Evidence of Non-Compliance

Standard 6 Outcomes, 6.4.1

- The program's three-year mean for the licensure examination pass rate has not been at or above the national mean for the same three-year period.

Areas Needing Development

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2

- Ensure strategies/actions are identified when the expected levels of achievement are not met.