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Dear Dr. Fitzgerald:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting on July 20-21, 2017. Please be advised that the Board of Commissioners voted to make all Spring 2017 Accreditation Cycle decisions based on the ACEN 2017 Standards and Criteria, as applicable. The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2025.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the Catalog, the Site Visit Report, and the recommendation for accreditation 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 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.8**

- Ensure the nurse administrator has sufficient time to fulfill the role responsibilities.

**Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.6**

- Continue to implement institutional strategies to address the default rate.

**Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.2 and 6.3**

- Review and revise the expected level of achievement for the licensure examination pass rates to be congruent with the ACEN Criterion.
- Ensure the program demonstrates evidence of students' achievement in completing the nursing program.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. 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: Catharina Henderson, Peer Evaluator  
Marylou Mercado, Peer Evaluator  
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Panel

SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL  
SPRING 2017 ACCREDITATION CYCLE

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE  
JOLIET, IL

**Program Accreditation History**

Program Type:  
Associate

Established: 1969

Initial Accreditation: 1977

Last Evaluation Visit: Spring 2009

Action: Continuing Accreditation

**Overview**

Length of Program:	<u>Day: 4 semesters; 72 credits</u> <u>Evening: 4 semesters; 72 credits</u> <u>LPN-to-ADN Option: 3 semesters; 72 credits</u>		
Percentage of Curriculum Offered via Distance Education:	<u>Day: 1-24%</u> <u>Evening: 1-24%</u> <u>LPN-to-ADN Option: 1-24%</u>		
Number of Students:	<u>358</u>	Full-time: <u>63</u>	Part-time: <u>295</u>
Number of Faculty:	<u>30</u>	Full-time: <u>19</u>	Part-time: <u>11</u>
Number of Faculty (Shared):		Full-time: <u>0</u>	Part-time: <u>0</u>
Standards and Criteria Used:	<u>2013</u>		

**Evaluation Review Panel Summary**

**Recommendation:**

**Continuing accreditation as the program is in compliance with all Accreditation Standards.**

**Commentary:**

**Areas Needing Development**

**Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.8**

- Ensure the nurse administrator has sufficient time to fulfill the role responsibilities.

**Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.6**

- Continue to implement institutional strategies to address the default rate.

**Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.2, 6.4.1, 6.4.2, and 6.4.4**

- Develop and implement strategies to collect and trend data for the LPN-to-RN program option prior to aggregation for the program as a whole.
- Review and revise the expected level of achievement for the licensure examination pass rates to be congruent with the ACEN Criterion.
- Develop and implement strategies to improve the program completion rates.
- Develop and implement strategies to ensure that employer satisfaction data are sufficient for program decision-making.