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Subject: School of Nursing: BS, MS, DNP – Program Performance Review

The School of Nursing programs at California State University, Fullerton are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Nursing programs include the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) which is offered in collaboration with CSU Long Beach and CSU Los Angeles.

The BSN and MSN programs submitted their self-study in August, 2016 and hosted a successful site visit in September, 2016. The CCNE review team spoke to the strengths of the CSUF BSN and MSN programs and demonstrated compliance with all CCNE standards. The CCNE Board of Commissioners reviewed the programs at their April 2017 meeting and determined that the programs met all four accreditation standards with no compliance concerns for any of the 28 key elements. Notice was received on May 24, 2017 that the BSN and MSN programs had been awarded continuing accreditation for 10 years, the maximum amount awarded, effective September 21, 2016. The next on-site evaluation will take place in fall, 2026.

The DNP program submitted its self-study in October, 2013 and hosted a successful site visit in November, 2013. The CCNE review team was very positive about the CSUF DNP program, in consortium with CSU Long Beach and CSU Los Angeles. The CCNE Board of Commissioners reviewed the program at their April 2014 meeting and determined that the program met all four accreditation standards with no compliance concerns for any of the 28 key elements. Notice was received on May 19, 2014 that the program had been awarded continuing accreditation for 5 years, the maximum amount awarded for a new program, effective November 18, 2013. The next on-site evaluation will take place in Fall 2018.

I want to congratulate the School of Nursing on these outstanding programs – the BSN and MSN successfully achieving reaccreditation and the DNP program for attaining initial accreditation. The self-studies, campus visits, and interim reports required a great deal of time and effort on the part of the faculty, staff, and students. The mission and goals of the programs are consistent with the nursing profession as well as those of the College of Health and Human Development and of CSUF as a campus. The nursing programs, some of which are nationally ranked, provide excellent academic and applied experiences for students. They expertly prepare students for licensure, certification, and to practice in a range of professional settings.

In conclusion, the School of Nursing is to be commended for performing at a level where no compliance concerns were found for any program and for receiving such successful reaccreditation decisions, the BSN and MSN for the maximum 10 years and the DNP for the allowed maximum of five years.