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Kathleen Adamski, MN, RN
Dean of Health Science Education and Director of Nursing Education
Walla Walla Community College
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Dear Ms. Adamski:

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 1.10

- Ensure that policies for nursing faculty and staff are comprehensive, provide for the welfare of the faculty, and are consistent with those of the governing organization.

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff, Criterion 2.4

- Ensure that preceptors are academically qualified.

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.6

- Ensure institutional strategies are implemented to address the default rate.

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.1

- Ensure the evaluation plan contains a minimum of three (3) years of data for each component within the plan.
- Develop and implement strategies to ensure that the analysis of assessment data is used in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of students' attainment of each end-of-program student learning outcome.

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: Sandra Baker, Peer Evaluator
Kalise Price, Peer Evaluator
Nancy Kupper, Peer Evaluator
Wendy Merchant, Peer Evaluator

Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Panel

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

WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WALLA WALLA, WA

Program Accreditation History

Program Type:

Associate

Established: 1969

Initial Accreditation: 1975

Last Evaluation Visit: Spring 2009

Action: Continuing Accreditation

Overview

Length of Program:	<u>Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP Degree: 9 quarters; 135 quarter credits (90 semester credits)</u>		
	<u>LPN-to-ADN: 8 quarters, including general education courses and prerequisites; 135 quarter credits (90 semesters credits)</u>		
Percentage of Curriculum Offered via Distance Education:	<u>Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP Degree: 1-24%</u>		
	<u>LPN-to-ADN: 1-24%</u>		
Number of Students:	<u>234</u>	Full-time: <u>234</u>	Part-time: <u>0</u>
Number of Faculty:	<u>33</u>	Full-time: <u>12</u>	Part-time: <u>11</u>
Number of Faculty (Shared):		Full-time: <u>1</u>	Part-time: <u>0</u>
Standards Used:	<u>2013</u>		

Evaluation Review Panel Summary

Recommendation:

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

Commentary:

Areas of Strength

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.4

- Student services are students at a high level, and are consistent in delivery between the two (2) campuses. exceptionally comprehensive, meet the needs of nursing

Areas Needing Development

Standard 1 Mission and Administrative Capacity, Criterion 1.10

- Ensure that policies for nursing faculty and staff are comprehensive, provide for the welfare of the faculty, and are consistent with those of the governing organization.

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff, Criterion 2.4

- Ensure that preceptors are academically qualified.

Standard 3 Students, Criterion 3.6

- Ensure institutional strategies are implemented to address the default rate.

Standard 6 Outcomes, Criteria 6.1 and 6.2

- Ensure the evaluation plan contains a minimum of three (3) years of data for each component within the plan.
- Develop and implement a consistent documentation process for data collection and trending, faculty review of data, and use of data for decision-making.