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Dear Dr. Kirschling:

The Substantive Change Review Committee (SCRC) of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) acted to approve the substantive change notification submitted on May 10, 2017 by the nursing unit at University of Maryland. The substantive change notification is in regards to the change in teaching affiliations with the RN-BSN track, effective spring 2017.

As a reminder, programs are expected to comply with [the current CCNE standards and procedures](#) throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change affecting the nursing program. 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 discussed further in the CCNE procedures.

CCNE apologizes for the delay in getting this action to you. Such a delay is unacceptable and is not consistent with CCNE practices. Over the past couple of years, CCNE has experienced a significant growth in the number of programs it accredits, and this has resulted in a heavier volume of substantive change notifications being submitted. I am pleased to share with you that additional staff have been hired to support the substantive change notification process and we have recently redesigned this process to prevent such lengthy delays from occurring in the future. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you for providing CCNE with the substantive change notification. Please do not hesitate to contact Lina Trullinger, CCNE Associate Director, at 202-887-6791 x245 or ltrullinger@ccneaccreditation.org if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith H. Lewis".

Judith H. Lewis, EdD, RN
Chair, CCNE Board of Commissioners