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Dear Dr. Starling:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) at its meeting on March 3-4, 2011. The Board of Commissioners granted the associate nursing program continuing accreditation and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2018.

Deliberations centered on the Self-Study Report, the School Catalog, the Site Visitors' Report, and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the Program 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:

Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard

Standard 2 Faculty and Staff

- Continue efforts to recruit qualified master's prepared part-time faculty.

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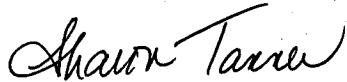
Areas Needing Development by Accreditation Standard (continued)

Standard 6 Outcomes

- Continue to review and refine the systematic evaluation plan to ensure ongoing assessment and evaluation of student learning outcomes, program outcomes, and NLNAC Standards.
- Continue to work on strategies to improve the return rate for graduate and employer satisfaction surveys.
- Revise the expected levels of achievement for licensure exam pass rates to be congruent with the NLNAC Criterion.
- Refine the expected level of achievement for graduate satisfaction to ensure that it is measureable.

On behalf of the Commission, we thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. If you have questions about this action or about Commission policies and procedures, please write or call me or a member of the professional staff.

Sincerely,



Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Deborah Morris, Program Evaluator
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Enc. Summary of Deliberations of the Evaluation Review Panel

SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
ASSOCIATE EVALUATION REVIEW PANEL
FALL 2010 ACCREDITATION CYCLE

DALTON STATE COLLEGE
DALTON, GA

Associate Accreditation History

Established: 1968 Initial Accreditation: June 1970 Last Evaluation Visit: Fall 2002
Action: Continuing Accreditation

Overview

Length of Program: 70 credits
Number of Students: 142 Full-time: 50 Part-time: 92
Number of Faculty*: 14 Full-time: 8 Part-time: 6
**refers to faculty teaching assignment not contract*

Evaluation Review Panel Summary

Recommendation:

Associate:

**Continuing accreditation as the program is in compliance with all Accreditation Standards.
Next visit in eight (8) years.**

Commentary:

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