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From: Dr. Elizabeth Ritt, Chair  
CCNE Board of Commissioners

Re: Revised CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs*

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)--a nationally recognized accrediting agency for baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs, entry-to-practice nurse residency programs, and Nurse Practitioner fellowship and residency programs--is pleased to announce that, on September 27, 2021, the CCNE Board of Commissioners amended the *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs (Procedures)*. In accordance with its commitment to ongoing self assessment and continuous quality improvement, CCNE periodically undertakes a review of its core documents, and these revisions are a result of such review.

The *Procedures* document can be accessed at <http://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/Procedures.pdf>. The revised *Procedures* document goes into effect immediately. CCNE publishes separate accreditation procedures guiding the accreditation of nurse residency and fellowship programs.

The revisions to the *Procedures* are non-substantive in nature, and most codify existing CCNE practice. For example, a statement has been added regarding institutions' agreement to adhere to the requirements of the *Procedures* (p. 1). Additionally, language has been added to clarify CCNE's existing policies regarding "not met" standards as a result of review of monitoring reports (pp. 24-25) and the possible outcomes related to the review of substantive change notifications (p. 27). Finally, language has been added to clarify CCNE's confidentiality policy and that confidential information may be shared in accordance with legal requirements (p. 31).

If you have any questions about these revisions, please contact Benjamin Murray, Deputy Executive Director, at 202-887-6791 x275 or at [bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org](mailto:bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org).

Thank you.