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Dear Dr. Britt:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that the CCNE Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on October 7-9, 2004, to grant accreditation of the baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Liberty University for a term of 10 years, extending to December 31, 2014. The Board also acted to grant accreditation of the master's program for a term of five years, extending to December 31, 2009.

You should plan for the next on-site evaluation of the baccalaureate program to take place in the spring of 2014. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation of the master's program to take place in the spring of 2009.

At its meeting, the Board determined that both programs met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

As is required for all accredited programs, the Board requested that each program submit a continuous improvement progress report at the mid-point of the accreditation term. Each report should address the respective program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards.

The deadline for submitting the master's program's progress report is December 31, 2007. The Report Review Committee and then the Board of Commissioners will review the progress report for the baccalaureate program in the spring of 2008.

The deadline for submitting the baccalaureate program's progress report is December 31, 2009. The Report Review Committee and then the Board of Commissioners will review the progress report for the baccalaureate program in the spring of 2010. For more information about the continuous improvement progress report, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

As you are aware, the CCNE Board of Commissioners acted in October 2003 to amend the accreditation standards. The amended *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* will become effective on January 1, 2005. As a result, any program hosting a CCNE on-site evaluation and/or submitting a report to CCNE after January 1, 2005--including the continuous improvement progress report referenced above--will be required to comply with the *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs*, amended October 2003. CCNE will

provide assistance to programs, as appropriate, as they transition to the revised standards. The revised standards are posted on the CCNE Web site at www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation, along with a summary of the changes.

A copy of the accreditation report that was sent to you earlier, along with your response to it, is being transmitted to the institution's chief executive officer as the Commission's official report to Liberty University. We hope that both the results of your self-study process and the accreditation report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing programs. Certificates of accreditation are enclosed.

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the nursing programs or of any major organizational changes that may affect the programs' administration, scope or quality. These reporting requirements are discussed further in the CCNE procedures.

We appreciate the many courtesies and the helpfulness extended to the CCNE evaluation team in the spring of 2004. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing programs.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Commissioners

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