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From: Dr. Susan D. Ruppert, Chair, Board of Commissioners  
Dr. Jennifer Butlin, Executive Director

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--is pleased to announce that, on May 8, 2017, the CCNE Board of Commissioners revised 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.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/Procedures.pdf>. The revised *Procedures* document goes into effect immediately. CCNE publishes separate accreditation procedures guiding the accreditation of entry-to-practice nurse residency programs.

The revisions to the *Procedures* are non-substantive in nature, and they codify existing CCNE practice. Additional information related to substantive change notifications and the function of the Substantive Change Review Committee (formerly the Substantive Change Advisory Group) is now included in the *Procedures* (see pages 3 and 21-22). The timeframe for submission of compliance reports has been written into the document, and this timeframe reflects current practice (see page 19). The *Procedures* have historically provided the CCNE Board the opportunity to extend the time for programs to demonstrate compliance with unmet standards when good cause exists to grant such an extension. The revisions to the *Procedures* establish a maximum amount of time for this extension period. This amount of time also reflects current practice (see page 20).

If you have any questions about these revisions, please contact Benjamin Murray, Director of Accreditation Services, at 202-887-6791 x275 or at [bmurray@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:bmurray@aacn.nche.edu).

Thank you.