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APRIL 30, 2026 – The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)—a nationally recognized accrediting agency for baccalaureate, graduate, and residency/fellowship programs in nursing—is pleased to announce the creation of a new Standards Committee. The Standards Committee is charged with facilitating a focused review of the accreditation standards that are used to evaluate baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs nationally. Specifically, the committee will coordinate a focused review of the CCNE *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* (2024) in light of recent updates made by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to *The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education* (2026).

The CCNE Standards Committee is responsible for developing and implementing a process for reviewing the [Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs](#) (last amended 2024) and seeking and considering input from the CCNE community of interest regarding *proposed revisions* to the standards. This process is expected to take approximately 2-3 months.

Early next week, CCNE will publish a *Call for Comments*, inviting all interested parties—institution and program administrators, faculty, practicing nurses, agency/organization representatives, employers, students, alumni, and others with an interest in the preparation of competent nurses—to comment on *proposed revisions* to the accreditation standards, as part of this focused process. CCNE will also host a webinar on Wednesday, May 6, 3:00-4:00 pm Eastern, to present the *proposed revisions* and invite comments from the community of interest. Registration details will be provided in the *Call for Comments*. Final approval of the accreditation standards rests with the CCNE Board of Commissioners. CCNE will publicly announce the final revisions and implementation timeline. Membership of the 2026 Standards Committee is presented below.

Questions regarding CCNE’s focused standards revision process should be directed to Dr. Daniel Michalski, Director of Accreditation Services, at dmichalski@ccneaccreditation.org.

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