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Constituents Elect New CCNE Board and Nominating Committee Members

JULY 17, 2026—The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has successfully completed its 2026 elections. Ballots were distributed to CCNE-accredited nursing education programs and nurse residency/fellowship programs, to be cast in the elections for the CCNE Board of Commissioners and the CCNE Nominating Committee. Ballots were cast electronically by institutions, resulting in a 48% response rate. The election results are presented below:

Board of Commissioners

CHIEF NURSE ADMINISTRATOR

Shirleatha Dunlap, PhD, RN, CNE
Dean and Professor
Mary Black School of Nursing
University of South Carolina Upstate
Spartanburg, SC

PRACTICING NURSE

Amelia Malcom, PhDc, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE
Family Nurse Practitioner
Madison Medical Associates
Madison, GA

PROFESSIONAL CONSUMER

Giselle Holness, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, NE-BC
Director, Nurse Practitioner Residency Program
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System
Jacksonville, FL

Nominating Committee

CHAIR*

Lois Bellflowers, EdD, MSN, RN
Associate Professor
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Valdosta State University
Valdosta, GA

MEMBERS

Benita Chatmon, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, FAAN, FADLN
Assistant Dean for Clinical Nursing Education/Clinical Associate Professor
School of Nursing
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
New Orleans, LA

Victoria Foster, PhD, APRN, FNP-C
Director of Undergraduate Nursing
School of Nursing
Clayton State University
Morrow, GA

Molly Jackson, DNP, RN, APRN-BC, CNE
Associate Professor
Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH

Katie Morales, PhD, RN, CNE
Professor and Associate Dean
Tanner Health School of Nursing
University of West Georgia
Carrollton, GA

**Member of the 2026 Nominating Committee selected to chair the 2027 Nominating Committee*

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The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an autonomous accrediting agency contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE strives to promote the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency/fellowship programs in nursing. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuous quality improvement in nursing education and nurse residency/fellowship programs.