



Implementing the APRN Consensus Model: An Update on CCNE Accreditation



Panel Discussion

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Foundational Requirements for Accreditation of Education Programs

*Consensus Model for APRN Regulation:
Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education
(July 7, 2008), page 15*

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/pdf/APRNReport.pdf>

ACCREDITORS WILL

- ❑ “be responsible for evaluating APRN education programs including graduate degree-granting and post-graduate certificate programs;
- ❑ through their established accreditation standards and process, assess APRN education programs in light of the APRN core, role core, and population core competencies;
- ❑ assess developing APRN education programs and tracks by reviewing them using established accreditation standards and granting pre-approval, pre-accreditation, or accreditation prior to student enrollment;
- ❑ include an APRN on the visiting team when an APRN program/track is being reviewed; and
- ❑ monitor APRN educational programs throughout the accreditation period by reviewing them using established accreditation standards and processes.”

What This Means for CCNE

To be consistent with the APRN Consensus Model:

- Need to develop pre-approval process for APRN programs
- Need to develop an accreditation process for post-graduate APRN certificate programs

CCNE AREAS OF FOCUS

- ❑ Based on recommendations from a CCNE APRN Task Force, the CCNE Board of Commissioners voted to develop processes that will enable CCNE to:
 - ❑ Pre-approve APRN programs prior to student enrollment
 - ❑ Accredite post-graduate APRN certificate programs
- ❑ Constituent feedback will continue to be solicited
- ❑ CCNE's goal is to have its pre-approval and certificate accreditation activities operational by 2014, consistent with the LACE goal of full implementation of the APRN Consensus Model by 2015

CCNE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2011-2013

- ❑ Appointed in September 2011
- ❑ Held 34 conference calls
- ❑ Met twice face-to-face
- ❑ Reviewed documents
(e.g., IOM Report, APRN Consensus Model)
- ❑ Received approximately 400 completed surveys and comments
- ❑ Reviewed all survey results/comments
- ❑ Recommending final proposed changes for CCNE Board approval in April 2013

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CCNE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

❑ Expect to find revisions in the following areas:

- ❑ Incorporation of AACN's *The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing* (2011)
- ❑ Incorporation of the NTF's *Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs* (2012)
- ❑ Application of standards not only to baccalaureate, master's, and DNP programs but also to post-graduate APRN certificate programs

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CCNE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

- ❑ Expect to find language that is consistent with the APRN Consensus Model, for example:
 - ❑ Review of APRN education programs (degree and certificate) in light of the APRN role and population focus
 - ❑ Updates to the current CCNE language regarding the “APRN core” (3 Ps language)

TRANSITION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

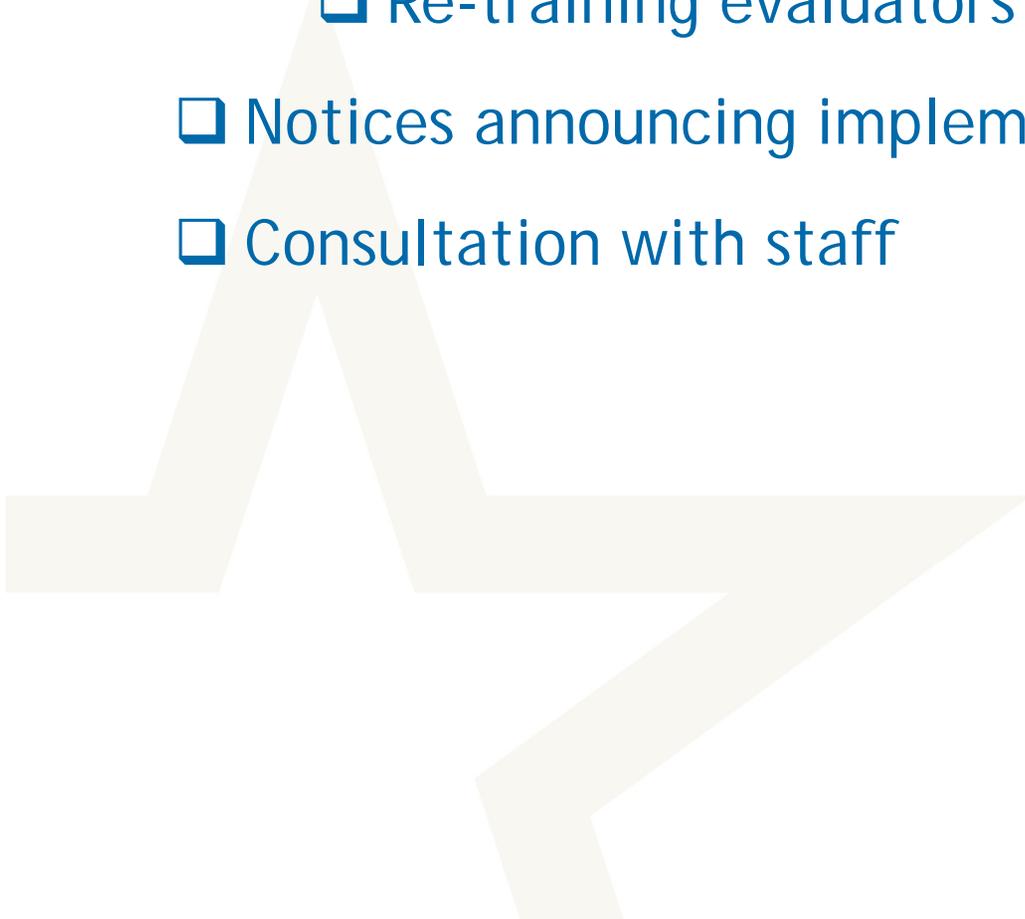
- ❑ Educational programs need to act now to make the necessary changes to be consistent with the APRN Consensus Model
- ❑ The CCNE Board has determined that a substantive change notification is not required for programs that are making such transitions, for example:
 - ❑ Merging or expanding adult-gero NP or CNS programs as required by the Consensus Model

MY PROGRAM IS SUBMITTING A REPORT OR HOSTING AN ON-SITE EVALUATION IN 2013

- ❑ The 2009 CCNE *Standards* will apply to any program hosting an on-site evaluation or submitting a report (e.g., a continuous improvement progress report or follow-up report) in 2013
- ❑ CCNE provides programs with advance notice (e.g., 9-12 months) before new standards go into effect

WHAT ASSISTANCE WILL CCNE OFFER PROGRAMS?

- Workshops/webinars
 - Self-study writing
 - Re-training evaluators
- Notices announcing implementation
- Consultation with staff



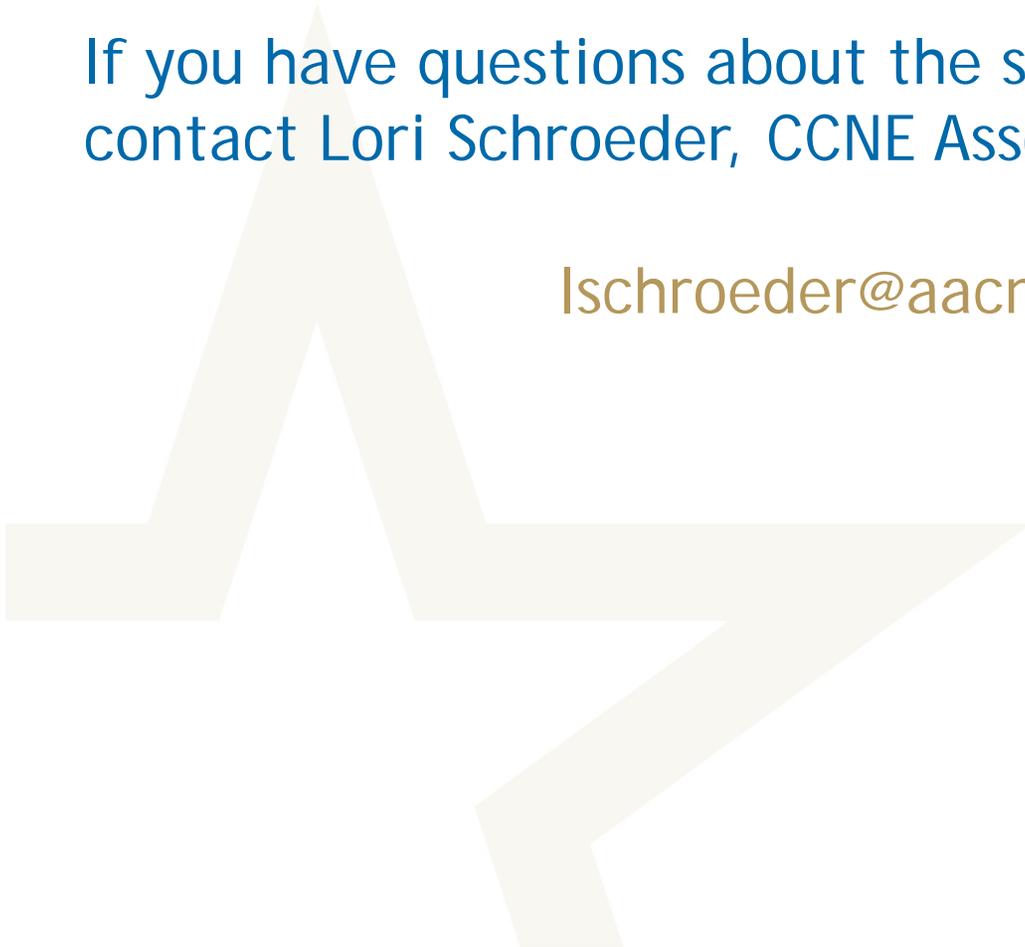
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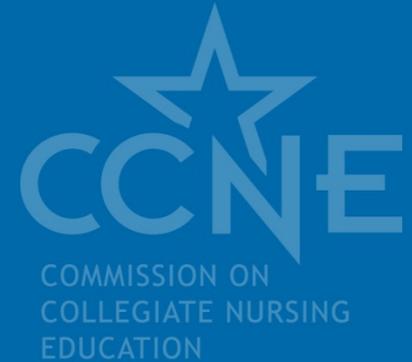
Proposed Revisions (October 2012) available for review at:

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/proposed-standards-october-2012>

If you have questions about the standards revisions process, contact Lori Schroeder, CCNE Associate Director, at

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CLOSING INFO

All pertinent documents and announcements are posted at
<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/standards-review>

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