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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 October 19, 2017, the CCNE Board of Commissioners amended 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.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/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 most codify existing CCNE practice. For example, clarifying language has been added regarding CCNE's long-standing policy that the parent institution maintains accreditation by an institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (see pages 5, 14, and 15). Further, in light of recent natural disasters, there is now clarifying language that CCNE may cancel or postpone an on-site evaluation as a result of concerns regarding the team's safety and/or ability to conduct a thorough evaluation (see pages 10 and 18).

In addition, the Disclosure section (pages 16-17) has been revised to reflect CCNE's new mailing address and website. Please update CCNE's contact information in your database and contact lists. As a result of this change, administrators of CCNE-accredited programs and new applicant programs should check their institution/program websites and publications to ensure that accreditation disclosure statements have been updated accordingly.

Finally, the following language has been added to the Conflicts of Interest section on page 27:

Any CCNE volunteer (e.g., committee member or evaluator) who consults with programs within CCNE's scope of accreditation review is

required to disclose to such programs in writing that he/she is not representing CCNE when consulting.

Importantly, CCNE's long standing policy precluding current Board members from consulting and CCNE's practice of not recommending consultants to programs remain.

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

Thank you.

