



## Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Statement on Stratford University Closure

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted initial accreditation to the Stratford University baccalaureate degree program in nursing on November 16, 2011. Stratford University's website indicates that it has also offered a master's degree program in nursing. CCNE has never accredited the master's degree program in nursing at Stratford University.

On September 26, 2022, Stratford University announced publicly that it would be closing at the end of the term. In a communication dated October 21, 2022, Stratford University notified CCNE that it would close the baccalaureate degree program in nursing on December 18, 2022. In accordance with the CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs*, when a CCNE-accredited program closes, it is deemed to have voluntarily withdrawn from CCNE accreditation. Accordingly, CCNE accreditation of the Stratford University baccalaureate degree program in nursing is withdrawn as of December 19, 2022.

Since learning of Stratford University's closure, CCNE has been in contact with the university's institutional accrediting agency, the Accrediting Council of Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), relating to information regarding transfer and teach-out opportunities for the students enrolled in the baccalaureate degree nursing program. Students can find this information on ACICS's [website](#).

Information regarding Stratford University's closure is also available on the [website](#) of the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV).

Students who do not wish to continue their education at another institution will find Closed School Discharge Information on the U.S. Department of Education's [website](#).

CCNE acknowledges the unfortunate circumstances and disruption being experienced by baccalaureate degree nursing students who attended Stratford University and is committed to working with applicable state authorizing and licensing agencies and the U.S. Department of Education to guide students toward information and resources that will assist them in continuing their education.