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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

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RE: Response to CCNE Board Show Cause Directive

To: Nursing Students and Stakeholders.

On May 27, 2022, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners directed the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) baccalaureate degree nursing program to show cause as to why accreditation should not be withdrawn.

According to CCNE Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs (2021, pp. 17-18), ***'The issuance of a show cause directive is not an adverse action, but a statement of serious concern by the Board'***. It is important to note that the UAPB baccalaureate degree nursing program remains an accredited program during the show cause directive period.

In response to the show cause directive, the program will prepare and submit a combined special compliance report to meet the Board's concerns and all accreditation standards and key elements. This report will be submitted to CCNE on or before March 1, 2023.

Please feel free to call (870) 575- 8222 or direct your questions and concerns to williamsd@uapb.edu.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Department of Nursing