

VIA EMAIL

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Dear Dr. Annette Peery:

This letter will serve as formal notification of actions taken by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) at the June 17-18, 2025 Board of Commissioners' meeting for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program with Pre-licensure Track at Pitt Community College. The Board reviewed an updated action plan for I-D, action plan for compliance with NLN CNEA Policies and Procedures, and quarterly NCLEX reports for I-D in relation to the Program's Probationary Status and Show Cause Directive. Regarding the Program's Probationary Status and Show Cause Directive expiring June 30, 2025, the Probationary Status and Show Cause Directive have been granted a good cause extension for substantial progress towards meeting identified deficiencies through June 30, 2026. As a note, the program has demonstrated compliance with NLN CNEA Policies and Procedures.

Identified deficiencies remain in the following Standards and Quality Indicators: **I-D**. Although the program has made substantial progress, the three-year average for licensure pass rates remains below the 80% benchmark, measuring 79.89%. The Standard and Quality Indicator states:

Standard I, Quality Indicator I-D. "The program achieves expected program outcomes related to graduates' performance on licensure and certification examinations" (2021, p. 11).

The Board of Commissioners is requiring the following documents to be submitted by **March 15, 2026**: Appendices: action plan for I-D and any quarterly NCLEX reports. Materials are to be submitted in the Accreditation Management System (e-portal) at <https://cneaaccreditation.nln.org>. Further information regarding these requirements is detailed below.

Standard I, Quality Indicator I-D. Program must provide an analysis of contributing factors to low licensure pass rates and a detailed updated action plan to meet established benchmarks within a defined timeline. Program must also provide three complete years of data using NCLEX reports. According to the NLN CNEA Standards of Accreditation, "Programs not meeting the established benchmark for licensure and certification pass rates have completed an analysis of the situation, developed a plan to address identified factors impacting licensure and certification pass rates, and included actions and timelines for achieving the expected program pass rates" (2021, p. 12).

If the Program is not able to resolve the identified deficiencies and demonstrate compliance with the accreditation standards within the allotted time frame, the Board may act to withdraw accreditation from the Program.

In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations and in accordance with Section 6-I. A of the NLN CNEA Policy Handbook, the NLN CNEA will make this decision public via the NLN CNEA website and through the dissemination of this notice to relevant stakeholders, including the U.S. Department of Education, Secretary of Education, state regulatory agencies of the Program (the state board of nursing), and the institutional accreditation agency (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges).

In addition, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Education requirements, the NLN CNEA requires the Program to inform all currently enrolled and prospective students the decision to extend the Program's Probationary Status and Show Cause Directive within seven (7) business days of receipt of this letter. **We ask that you provide the specific notification sent to current and prospective students as well as how the information was sent to us via email at cneaaccreditation@nlm.org no later than July 8, 2025 that such notice has been timely made.** The Program must also accurately reflect their accreditation status (good cause extension) on their website and other publications. Please update the accreditation status on your Program's website or other publications by **July 8, 2025** and notify us via email at cneaaccreditation@nlm.org once done.

Finally, the Program may provide comments regarding this decision and submit them via email to cneaaccreditation@nlm.org. These comments will be placed on the NLN CNEA website. The Program does not have to comment.

Failure to submit the requested documentation may affect the Program's accreditation status with the NLN CNEA. If there are any questions about this request, please contact Dr. Teresa Shellenbarger at tshellenbarger@nlm.org.

We thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to quality nursing education. Please contact me if you have any questions or if the NLN CNEA can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Shellenbarger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teresa Shellenbarger, PhD, RN, CNE, CNEcl, ANEF
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