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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners has approved the revised *Standards for Accreditation of Entry-to-Practice Nurse Residency Programs (2015)*. The revised *Standards* document is the result of a comprehensive review process that included significant input by CCNE's community of interest, through broad-based calls for comment, and by highly regarded thought leaders in transition-to-practice.

CCNE was the first national nursing accrediting agency to create a quality assurance process for nurse residency programs, adopting accreditation standards for nurse residency programs in 2008. CCNE encourages all programs to engage in the accreditation process and does not limit its accreditation of nurse residency programs to those that adopt a specified curriculum model. CCNE values the diverse institutional perspectives of residency programs seeking accreditation and works collaboratively with applicants to foster innovation in these programs.

The CCNE Board-appointed Standards Committee worked diligently to craft accreditation standards that build on the framework of CCNE's existing accreditation standards and address the Institute of Medicine's call to action in *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (2010)*. Of significance, the Board's action to approve the revised *Standards* expands CCNE's scope of accreditation to include nurse residency programs 1) serving all entry-to-practice nurses and 2) in all healthcare settings.

Dr. Lauren Goodloe, Director of Medical and Geriatric Nursing at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, served as chair of the Standards Committee, providing thoughtful leadership throughout the revision process. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I congratulate all members of the Standards Committee on their exemplary work.

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The Board has determined that the 2015 Standards go into effect July 1, 2016. Therefore, all nurse residency programs hosting a CCNE on-site evaluation and/or submitting a report to CCNE on or after July 1, 2016 are required to address the revised *Standards*.

The 2015 *Standards* are accessible at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/CCNE-Entry-to-Practice-Residency-Standards-2015.pdf>. Additionally, a revised self-study template and a crosswalk table showing the relationship between the 2008 and 2015 *Standards* will be available on the CCNE website later this fall.

CCNE will be hosting webinars in the coming months to orient program officials to the revised *Standards* and to re-train CCNE evaluators and decision-makers.

As always, the CCNE staff is available for consultation and guidance. If you have questions about the 2015 *Standards*, please contact CCNE Director of Accreditation Services Benjamin Murray at 202-887-6791 x275 or bmurray@aacn.nche.edu.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thank you for participating in the standards revision process and for your interest in quality nurse residency programs.

Sincerely,



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