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Operations Supervisor and Compliance Officer  
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Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

The Commission of the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) has received the *Appeal Panel Report and Decision* on the institution's appeal of the Commission's February 16, 2023, action to withdraw the Nursing (1224.5 Clock Hours, 64.5 Semester Credit Hours) – Associate of Applied Science program approval from the institution's grant of institutional accreditation based on non-compliance with the standards from the *Accreditation Manual*.

The Appeal Panel voted unanimously to affirm the decision of the Commission finding that the record before the Commission at the time of its decision supported the Commission's conclusion that the institution failed to demonstrate at least a 70% placement rate per accreditation procedural requirements. A copy of this Report is enclosed.

The Commission has now acted pursuant to III.E.3.j-k. of the *Accreditation Manual* to implement the decision of the Appeal Panel. The decision to withdraw the Nursing (1224.5 Clock Hours, 64.5 Semester Credit Hours) – Associate of Applied Science program approval from the institution's grant of institutional accreditation is now final and is not subject to further appeal.

The institution is directed to teach out all existing students in the Nursing (1224.5 Clock Hours, 64.5 Semester Credit Hours) – Associate of Applied Science program and submit an updated teach-out plan for approval using the *ABHES Teach Out Agreement Form* available for download on the ABHES website at <https://www.abhes.org/resources/#Forms>, which is consistent with applicable standards and regulations and provides for the equitable treatment of students no later than **June 23, 2023**. The institution may not enroll any new students or allow any students who have previously dropped, to reenter during the teach-out of the program. The last date of accreditation of the program, for the purposes of the teach-out, will be determined based on the date current students are projected to complete the program according to the updated teach-out plan. If the institution does not submit an updated teach-out plan, or if the plan is determined not to meet ABHES requirements, the last date of accreditation for the program will be **June 30, 2023**.

By **June 23, 2023**, the institution must also submit evidence it has published a new student disclosure notice **within seven business days of the date of this letter** informing enrolled students of the *Nursing – (1224.5 Clock Hours, 64.5 Semester Credit Hours) Associate of Applied Science* program of the Withdrawal of

Program Approval.<sup>1</sup> The institution is reminded that it must also update any publications, including the institution's website, catalog, and other printed materials to remove any reference to the noted program.

As is set forth in I.B.1. of the *Accreditation Manual*, federal and state regulators will receive copies of this correspondence simultaneously with the institution. Section I.B.1. of the *Accreditation Manual* also provides that within 60 days of this final negative action, the Commission makes available to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, recognized accrediting agencies, and the public a brief statement summarizing the reasons for this negative action and the official comments, if any, that your institution wishes to make with regard to this decision, or in the absence of official comment from your institution, evidence that the institution was offered the opportunity to provide official comment. Consequently, if you wish to make a brief official written comment on this negative action you must do so **by June 23, 2023**. You are not required to make such a statement, and failure to do so within the time allotted will be understood as a decision not to comment.

Pursuant to III.C.7. of the *Accreditation Manual*, the institution may not apply to ABHES for the same or a substantively similar program for a period of one year from **June 30, 2023, or the date current students are projected to complete the program**.

Sincerely,



India Y. Tips  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Appeal Panel Report

- c: DAPIP, U.S. Department of Education
- Matt Exline, Ohio Department of Higher Education
- John Ware, Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools
- Betsy J. Houchen, Ohio Board of Nursing

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<sup>1</sup> This disclosure is also required under 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 668.43(a) (19) which states: "If the institution is required to maintain a teach-out plan by its accrediting agency, notice that the institution is required to maintain such teach-out plan and the reason that the accrediting agency required such plan under § 602.24(c)(1). . ."