



**Commission for Nursing
Education Accreditation**

CORRECTION TO ACCREDITATION NOTIFICATION LETTER DATED JUNE 26, 2020:
Editorial correction. No quality improvement conditions noted.

July 1, 2020

Myrna Ridenour, MSN, RN
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Dear Ms. Ridenour:

This letter provides formal notice of the action taken on the accreditation status of the Associate Degree in Nursing program at Flathead Valley Community College during the recent National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) Board of Commissioners meeting of June 11, 2020. We are pleased to inform you that the NLN CNEA Board of Commissioners voted that initial accreditation be **granted** for the following program:

Associate Degree in Nursing

The program's initial accreditation status is effective for a maximum term of six years, beginning November 30, 2019 and terminating June 30, 2026.

The Board of Commissioners' decision was based upon a review of the program's self-study report, on-site program evaluation team report, and the NLN CNEA Program Review Committee's report and the determination that the program is in compliance with the NLN CNEA's Standards of Accreditation.

The program's on-site program evaluation review for continuing accreditation is scheduled for Spring 2026.

Programs accredited by NLN CNEA are required to complete an Annual Report due in January of each calendar year and submit a Mid-Cycle Report midway through the accreditation term to validate continued compliance with NLN CNEA accreditation standards. **The program's Mid-Cycle Report will be due June 30, 2023.**

As per NLN CNEA policy, the NLN CNEA reserves the right to review and potentially terminate the accreditation status of any program with due notice under the following conditions:

- 1) Accreditation status of the governing institution changes;
- 2) State regulatory status of the nursing program changes;
- 3) Lack of compliance with required NLN CNEA reporting mechanisms (i.e. Annual Report and Mid-Cycle Report);
- 4) Failure to pay annual accreditation fees; OR
- 5) Other substantive institutional or program changes occur affecting the stability of the nursing program and the ability to remain compliant with NLN CNEA Standards of Accreditation.

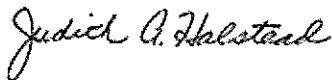
If changes occur within the program as outlined above, NLN CNEA requires that programs notify NLN CNEA **within sixty days of the change in program status**. Failure to notify NLN CNEA of program changes of the nature listed above within the stipulated time frame may also lead to a review of and action on the program's accreditation status by the NLN CNEA Board of Commissioners.

Programs may choose to publicly disclose their NLN CNEA accreditation status. A certificate of accreditation and an electronic accreditation logo will be forthcoming shortly for the program to display. For programs choosing to publicly disclose their accreditation status on printed or electronic materials, they must use the following public statement:

“The Flathead Valley Community College Associate Degree in Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037, 202-909-2526”

Congratulations on achieving initial accreditation status with NLN CNEA and your commitment to providing quality nursing education! We look forward to the on-going success of your nursing program. If you have any questions about the accreditation process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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