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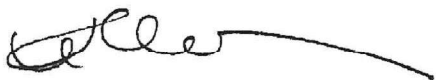
Dear Dr. Byrd and Dr. Ramos:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in August 2025. The Board of Commissioners granted Continuing Accreditation to the baccalaureate program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2033. Please see ACEN Policy #9 Disclosure of Information About an Accredited Program for the required disclosure statement regarding this decision that must be made to all current and prospective students within seven business days of this letter.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision.

If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN  
Chief Executive Officer



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Chief Accreditation Officer

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ACEN Board of Commissioners Meeting Outcome

Lake-Sumter State College

Baccalaureate Program

Date of Decision: August 28, 2025

Accreditation Decision: Continuing Accreditation

Stipulation: NONE

Stipulation Time Frame: N/A

Findings: NONE

Next Site Visit Cycle: Spring 2033

Deliberations centered on the materials available to the Board from this accreditation review process and the recommendation for accreditation proposed by the peer evaluators on the site visit team (if applicable) and the Evaluation Review Panel. Final decisions were made based on the 2023 Standards and Criteria.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

Has Awarded  
**Accreditation**  
to

**Lake-Sumter State College**

**Baccalaureate Nursing Program**

**For Achievement of Quality and Excellence in Nursing Education**

**Spring 2025 to Spring 2033**



Diane Evans-Prior, DNP, RN  
Chair, ACEN



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