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Dear Dr. Velázquez:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that the CCNE Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on October 2-4, 2018, to grant accreditation to the **baccalaureate degree program in nursing** at Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico - Guayama for 5 years, extending to December 31, 2023. The accreditation action is effective as of March 19, 2018, which is the first day of the program's recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the spring of 2023.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

As is required for all accredited programs, a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) must be submitted at the mid-point of the accreditation term. Please note that the CIPR needs to demonstrate the program's compliance with the CCNE standards and key elements that are in effect at the time of its submission. As a courtesy, CCNE will send a reminder letter to the chief nurse administrator informing the program of the specific standards to be addressed and providing guidance for the preparation of the report. The deadline for submitting the CIPR to CCNE is June 1, 2021. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the CIPR. For more information about CIPRs and the report review process, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

As you know, the team report and the program's response to the team report are available to the institution in the CCNE Online Community. We hope that the results of the self-study process and the team report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

In accordance with CCNE policy, if a program or institution elects to make a public disclosure of a program's accreditation status with CCNE, the program or institution must disclose that status accurately. The program or institution disclosing the information must identify the nursing program and its affiliation with CCNE. Please refer to CCNE's disclosure policy and the statements CCNE has approved for use, as well as information on use of the CCNE accreditation seal, at <http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE/Seal-Policy/Baccalaureate-Graduate>. Please ensure that the institution's website and other materials are updated to reflect this language, as appropriate.

As a reminder, the revised [*Standards for Accreditation for Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs*](#) (2018) go into effect on January 1, 2019. All programs are expected to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures that are in effect throughout the period of accreditation. These documents are available at <http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE-Accreditation/Resources-for/Education-Administrators>. This includes advising CCNE in the event of a substantive change

affecting the nursing program. Substantive change notifications must be submitted to CCNE no earlier than 90 days prior to implementation or occurrence of the change, but no later than 90 days after implementation or occurrence of the change. These reporting requirements are described further in the CCNE procedures.

Thank you for your participation in the CCNE accreditation process. The Commissioners join me in expressing our very best wishes as you continue to promote excellence in nursing education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Lewis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Judith Lewis, EdD, RN
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: Chancellor Dra. Angela de Jesus Alicea
CCNE Board of Commissioners
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee
CCNE Evaluation Team

CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

In accordance with its accreditation standards and procedures

COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION
has accredited

Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico-Guayama

*The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is listed by the U.S. Secretary of Education
as a nationally recognized accrediting agency.*



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 19, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACCREDITATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR THE DURATION OF THE PERIOD OF ACCREDITATION