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Dear Dr. Benes,

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that the CCNE Board of Commissioners reviewed the continuous improvement progress report (CIPR) submitted on May 26, 2021 by the baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing at Fitchburg State University and determined that the programs have demonstrated compliance with all standards and key elements.

As a reminder, all programs are expected to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures that are in effect throughout the period of accreditation. 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 [Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs \(2021\)](#).

The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing program.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ritt, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNE
Chair, Board of Commissioners