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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners has approved the revised *Standards for Accreditation of Entry-to-Practice Nurse Residency Programs (2021)*. The revised *Standards* document is the result of a comprehensive review process that included significant input by CCNE's community of interest, through broad-based calls for comment, and by highly regarded thought leaders in transition-to-practice.

CCNE was the first national nursing accrediting agency to create a quality assurance process for entry-to-practice nurse residency programs, adopting accreditation standards for nurse residency programs in 2008. CCNE encourages all programs to engage in the accreditation process and does not limit its accreditation of nurse residency programs to those that adopt a specified curriculum model. CCNE values the diverse institutional perspectives of residency programs seeking accreditation and works collaboratively with applicants to foster innovation in these programs.

The CCNE Board-appointed Entry-to-Practice Nurse Residency Program Standards Committee worked diligently to craft accreditation standards that build on the framework of CCNE's existing accreditation standards and reflect the support needed by newly licensed individuals as they enter professional nursing practice.

Ms. JoAnn DelMonte, Vice President - Professional Development and Practice at UHealth in Aurora, CO, served as chair of the Standards Committee, providing thoughtful leadership throughout the revision process. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I congratulate all members of the Standards Committee on their exemplary work.

#### **CCNE Entry-to-Practice Nurse Residency Program Standards Committee (2020-2021)**

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The Board has determined that the 2021 Standards go into effect January 1, 2022. Therefore, all entry-to-practice nurse residency programs hosting a CCNE on-site evaluation and/or submitting a report to CCNE on or after January 1, 2022 are required to address the revised *Standards*. (Note: This includes a self-study document that is submitted to CCNE prior to January 1, 2022, for an on-site evaluation occurring in Spring 2022.)

A pre-publication version of the 2021 *Standards* is accessible at <https://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/CCNE-Entry-to-Practice-Residency-Standards-2021-PRE-PUBLICATION-COPY.pdf>. Additionally, a revised self-study template and a crosswalk table showing the relationship between the 2015 and 2021 *Standards* will be available on the CCNE website this summer.

CCNE will be hosting webinars in the coming months to orient program officials to the revised *Standards* and to re-train CCNE evaluators and decision-makers.

As always, the CCNE staff is available for consultation and guidance. If you have questions about the 2021 *Standards*, please contact Mr. Benjamin Murray, CCNE Deputy Executive Director, at 202-887-6791 x275 or [bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org](mailto:bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org).

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thank you for participating in the standards revision process and for your interest in quality nurse residency programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Elizabeth Ritt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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