What will it take?
By Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

Recent events of violence have once again shaken our country to its core. And yet weeks later the routine goes on. So my question is what will it take?

What will it take to teach and live tolerance of all others instead of hatred and judgment? I wonder what Dylann Roof was taught by his family, his school, his social groups, and his community. What discussions occurred in Roof’s home about the issues of race and respect?

Hate is not genetic; it is learned and can be reinforced by one’s environment. Perhaps we need to begin teaching about respect and acceptance in our classrooms in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic because we are clearly getting a failing grade on those life lessons. I also think it is more important than ever that we remove the confederate flag from the environment of our own statehouse. Such symbols send powerful messages—messages we cannot accept or silently convey.

And evil is not illness. All too often when senseless violence occurs we blame it on mental illness. But research shows that the mentally ill are less violent than the general population, and the majority of criminal acts are done by criminals—people who reject the norms of fairness, lawfulness, equity and respect.

Finally, I believe we need to ban handguns in this country. The level of violence in this country is a cause of national shame and belies our notion that we are the greatest country in the world. The incidence of mass murders, family violence and a culture that allows guns to be concealed and now even carried in schools must be challenged. Will gun advocates suggest that based on our recent tragedy we should start carrying guns into our places of worship as the answer to such violence?

In my opinion this issue has turned our country upside down. Sadly there will always be evil in the world but far less damage would be done with fists or knives than with the rapid barrage of automatic bullets from handguns. I know that not everyone agrees with this position but I have yet to hear a realistic and effective alternative solution. I thus ask you when and where will this all end? What will it take?...Gail
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**NEWS & NOTES**

**What is Magnet status? Why is it important?**

The Magnet Recognition Program® is a recognition granted by the American Nurses’ Credentialing Center (ANCC), an affiliate of the American Nurses Association, to hospitals that satisfy a set of criteria designed to measure the strength and quality of their nursing. It is the highest and most prestigious international distinction a health care organization or hospital can receive for nursing excellence and outstanding patient care. It is considered the “gold standard.” Magnet is a nursing certification awarded to organizations that have completed rigorous requirements, which focus on quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice. Only about 6 percent of hospitals nationwide have achieved Magnet status.

MUSC began the Magnet journey in January 2012. As MUSC’s quest to become an academic medical center ranked in the top 25 in the nation, MUSC has made achieving Magnet status a key part of its mission. Magnet hospitals are international models for nursing care. Other hospitals look to Magnet organizations for ways to improve patient results, reduce hospital stays, and attract and keep the most qualified nursing staff. Experienced nurses prefer to work in Magnet hospitals and are more satisfied with their jobs there. Magnet hospitals attract patients, too. They know they will receive the highest quality of care at Magnet facilities.

So what needs to be done? Quality outcomes are an important part of this process. Nurses must demonstrate consistent improvement over time and must exceed benchmarks. A scorecard for monitoring has been developed and is reviewed closely through the medical center quality structure. Teams are working on all opportunities for improvement. This scorecard can be found along with the other quality reports on the Clinical Effectiveness and Patient Safety website.

The ANCC will be arriving on MUSC’s campus July 20-23 for a site visit—a significant recognition of the work and commitment by the MUSC nursing team for nursing excellence. As with any examination, one must prepare and practice. This is not exclusive to only nurses. It also will involve other members of the care team including physicians, non-clinical staff and other medical professionals.

If you have any questions about the Magnet program, contact Marilyn Schaffner, chief nursing officer, at schaffnm@musc.edu.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MAGNET?**

Please join us at a Nursing Excellence/Magnet Open Sessions for Non-Nurses that will include tips for a successful survey. Andrea Coyle will host four 30-minute open sessions on Thursday, July 2 in the ART Auditorium. The first session will be offered from 9 - 9:30 a.m.; the last session will be from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Physicians, non-clinical staff, environmental care services, public safety, guest services, and all other non-nursing professionals are encouraged to attend.

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**SNA’s 180 Place Field Day**
July 25 (tentative date)
Fames, bingo, chalk, face painting, etc. set-up for the kids and parents to allow them to enjoy some summer fun!

**Donations Needed**
Please bring any unwanted children’s, women’s or men’s clothing and/or shoes to be donated to the Fetter Health Care Network’s migrant outreach program. Please leave items in collection box located in the CON Student Lounge by July 6. Any contribution makes a difference!

**Expect the Unexpected**
Water bottles (covered and sealed) will now be allowed in the CON classrooms.
WATER ONLY – no soft drinks, coffee, food, or anything else. We will try this on a trial basis and hope that everyone is respectful of bringing in water only in containers that can be sealed.

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**SCRUBS FOR SALE - SUPPORT SGA AND SNA**
Previously worn scrubs are available in Mardi Long’s office (CON 222). $5 per piece. Over 20 tops and bottoms available ranging from sizes XS to XL. Sizing may vary among brands so try them on before taking them home.

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**SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY:**

**THE IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT & HEALTH POLICY FOR NURSE LEADERS**

*Presented by Pamela Roshell, PhD, MSN*

Dr. Pamela Roshell is the regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As a policy advisor, she provides strategic leadership as the primary representative for HHS Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell in the southeastern region. Her current focus is on advancing the Obama Administration’s priorities to increase the nation’s health and well-being of Americans by providing the finest care and human services including preventing and controlling diseases and human services. The program offers leadership curriculum in the sciences, including nursing, public health, and social science, increasing efficiency, transparency, and accountability of HHS programs and strengthening the nation’s health and human services infrastructure and workforce.

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**WEDNESDAY July 22nd**

**FOUR O’CLOCK**

**DRUG DISCOVERY AUDITORIUM**

*Reception to follow*
ABSN blood drive - July 1
The College of Nursing’s ABSN program is partnering with the College of Health Profession’s nurse anesthesia program to host the 3rd Annual Blood Drive.

The drive will be held July 1 from noon until 5 p.m. in the College of Health Professions atrium. Summer is a low time of donation. This year’s goal is 33 units donated (32 units were donated last year). As a bonus, donors will receive a free boxes of girl scout cookies.

To make the donating process quick and easy it is suggested that donors pre-register. Click “start here” then search by date, July 1 and the CHP location will pop up. Donors can schedule a time which will alleviate long wait times. Eligibility requirements and the process can be found on the left side of the site.

Make sure you hydrate - to beat this heat and increase your blood volume so that you can give some away.

Inaugural F.A. Davis Scholarship announced
F.A. Davis has announced that it is offering a $1,500 scholarship to an undergraduate nursing student in the U.S. or Canada. F.A. Davis is an independent nursing, medicine, and health sciences publisher located in Philadelphia, PA. This scholarship reflects their continual commitment to the education of nurses and recognizes the very special nature of those who have chosen to embark on this challenging, yet rewarding career path. The deadline to apply is July 15, 2015. The applicant must be:
- Currently pursuing one of the following undergraduate nursing degrees leading to NCLEX eligibility: LPN/LVN, RN, or RN-BSN.
- Enrolled in a nursing program for the 2015 school year.
- A student in good standing with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- A U.S. and Canadian students (must be a citizen, legal resident, or holder of a valid student Visa).

“You have to learn to get up from the table when love is no longer being served.”
— Nina Simone

MEN IN NURSING HARBOR CRUISE

PIZZA SALE
July 1
noon - 1:00 p.m.
CON Foyer
$2/slice

SNA/CON SGA FUNDRAISER
On June 17 the Student Nurses Association and the College of Nursing’s Student Government Association hosted a percentage night fundraiser at Fuel on Rutledge Ave. Fuel donated 10% of all money made from 5 - 9 p.m. $2,500 was made, so SNA received $250.

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Funded grants

**INVESTIGATOR**: Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN  
**SPONSOR**: NIH/NINR  
**TITLE**: Monitoring and Managing Newly Healed Chronic Leg and Foot Ulcer Skin Temperature: A Cooling Intervention (MUST-COOL) to Prevent Ulcer Recurrence  
**GOAL**: To prevent chronic leg and foot ulcer recurrence. Using infrared thermography to identify leg and foot skin “hot spots” at risk for ulcer recurrence, participants will monitor this identified at-risk skin over newly healed chronic venous leg and diabetic foot ulcers. Hot spots will be managed using a sequenced cooling regimen for prophylaxis and a bolus dosage for elevated skin temperature above baseline. A pack will be applied to at-risk skin to reduce inflammation during the six month study. The overall aim is to compare this home-based prevention intervention to a placebo pack in adults aged 50 and above on ulcer recurrence, pain, physical activity and quality of life.

**INVESTIGATOR**: Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN  
**SPONSOR**: FirstString Research, LLC.  
**TITLE**: Open Label Pharmacokinetic Study of Granexin® Gel in Patients With Venous Leg Ulcers  
**GOAL**: To examine the concentration of Granexin® that enters the body after application of the study drug to human subject’s venous leg ulcerations. This type of testing, called pharmacokinetics (PK), measures the fate of a drug from the time it is administered up to the point which it is eliminated from the body.

**INVESTIGATOR**: Mat Gregoski, PhD  
**SPONSOR**: American Heath Association  
**TITLE**: Personalized Prevention of CVD: Role of Genetics, Stress, and Behavioral Factors  
**GOAL**: To use a machine-learning multivariate adaptive regression splines approach with Jackson Heart Study archival data (with subsample cross validation) to expand an endothelial system/autonomic nervous system pathway within a biobehavioral model including sympathetic nervous system, endothelial system genes, environmental stressors, and hypertension/cardiovascular disease (CVD) outcomes. This project also will systematically examine additional hypertension pathways using multivariate adaptive regression splines to detect gene by environment interactions and psychosocial characteristics related to hypertension/CVD among the Jackson Heart Study population. Generalized estimating equations based on the machine-learning results will be calculated with results reviewed by an epidemiological expert that has over 25 years of experience in hypertension studies to ensure appropriate inclusion of variable selection. The results will be used to determine effect-size for potential environmental exposure/pharmacogenetic intervention strategies for future trials.

**INVESTIGATOR**: Gigi Smith, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC  
**SPONSOR**: BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation (BCBSSCF)  
**TITLE**: Addressing Mental Health Needs in SC by Primary Care Nurse Practitioners  
**GOAL**: To provide outcomes that meet the BCBSSCF focus areas through increasing the number of frontline health care professionals and supporting innovative approaches to knowledge and skills development. The funding will enable the development and implementation of an innovative program that will educate critically needed primary care nurse practitioners in psychiatric-mental health care to meet the complex health care needs of SC.

Submitted grant applications

**INVESTIGATORS**: Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN; Ronald E. Acierno, PhD  
**SUBMITTED TO**: NIH/NINR  
**TITLE**: Integrating Biomedical Informatics, Technology, and Community Engaged Research to Target, Develop and Evaluate Self-Management Interventions  
**GOAL**: To create cutting edge strategies for intervention development and clinical outcome research by pairing them consecutively with teams specializing in 1) technology to enhance self-management interventions, 2) biomedical informatics to identify health inequities and at-risk patient populations, and 3) community engaged research to evaluate these interventions to reduce and control chronic disease symptoms. The intention of this T32 program is to meet the national need for nursing science researchers who are able to move between, and more importantly, integrate work from these three fields to address health disparities and enhance patient centered care through self-management.
INVESTIGATORS: Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN; Ronald E. Acierno, PhD
SUBMITTED TO: NIH/NINR
TITLE: The Relationship Between Symptom Clusters and Biofilm Development in Venous Leg Ulcers (VLUs)
GOAL: To identify the presence of and relationships between symptom clusters and the wound environment as related to the microbial content, especially the presence of biofilm. Biofilm affects 90 percent of chronic venous leg ulcers and impedes wound healing. As such, patients with new onset and recurrent VLUs (history of healed ulcer that re-develop) will be enrolled; their symptoms measured, and wound samples collected at multiple points along the natural history of the ulcer. A better understanding of the ulcer microbiome will provide methods for the timely identification of biofilms and insights about treatment resistant organisms that render common therapeutics ineffective against biofilm eradication. As we will test changes in wound microorganisms over time and correlate these changes with symptom clusters, our analysis will provide prognostic value.

INVESTIGATOR: Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN
SUBMITTED TO: DiaComp Coordinating and Bioinformatics Unit (CBU) at Georgia Regents University
TITLE: Cutaneous Viscoelasticity as a Biomarker for Diabetic Foot Ulcer Recurrence
GOAL: To evaluate the clinical potential of cutaneous viscoelasticity as a biomarker of DFU recurrence. Validation of this approach will serve to identify patients at high risk for ulcer recurrence and allow preemptive application of targeted interventional techniques.

INVESTIGATOR: Alyssa Ann Rheingold, PhD
SUBMITTED TO: NIH/NINR
TITLE: Addressing Caregiver Bereavement Within the Palliative Care End of Life Trajectory: Nurse-Directed Telemedicine Based Behavioral Activation for Grief
GOAL: To compare the effects of BATE-G to those of typically offered Supportive Grief Counseling; specifically: 1) To evaluate the effectiveness of BATE-G in reducing psychosocial distress (e.g., CB/CG, depression, and anxiety) compared to Supportive Bereavement Counseling (SBC) among 120 recently bereaved spouses in a 2x5 (treatment x time) randomized controlled trial; 2) To evaluate BATE-G with respect to its effects on quality of life (e.g., engagement in community based reinforcing activities, perceived social support, and self-reported perceived health-related functioning) compared to SBC; and 3) To evaluate the cost effectiveness of BATE-G compared to Supportive Counseling at 12 month follow-up. Predictions are that BATE-G will be more effective than SBC in reducing acute emotional distress and preventing long-term distress in the form of CB/CG, depression, and anxiety across all follow-up assessments. The proposed project addresses an unmet public health need, CB/CG among bereaved spouses or partners with an exportable, standardized treatment that leverages resources available in existing community settings currently serving bereaved individuals.

INVESTIGATOR: Janelle L. Wagner, PhD
SUBMITTED TO: The Duke Endowment Foundation
TITLE: Enhancing Access to Pediatric Epilepsy Self-/Family Management: The eCOPE Program
GOAL: The current project is a treatment development and refinement effort that builds on our existing work and focuses on adding and integrating E-health components to COPE (eCOPE) to make it more available to those in rural or underserved areas, to enhance mastery of the self-management skills of the intervention, and thereby improve outcomes over the original ‘face to face’ pilot version of the program. Included in the proposal is a thorough assessment to determine impact following a pilot of the greatly expanded eCOPE treatment.

INVESTIGATOR: Charlene Pope, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN
SUBMITTED TO: NIH/NINDS/NINR
TITLE: Building the Care Transitions Bridge from Trauma Center to Rehabilitation after TBI: A Pilot Study for Intervention Development
GOAL: This application arises from nurses and physicians involved in meeting trauma needs for patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI) facing recurring readmissions, community-based complications and loss to follow-up and raising key questions with multidisciplinary colleagues. The result is a strong interdisciplinary team with complementary skills who have ability to answer this question by reaching beyond Trauma Center walls. This R21 will explore the perspectives of people recovering from traumatic brain injury, their caregivers, and trauma and acute care health professionals to generate knowledge and hypotheses about the sources of TBI burden after leaving the hospital. These patient-centered perceptions and measures of their recovery status will allow the research team to identify strategies for a responsive intervention and baseline effects for future testing, with feedback from their participants, an approach that represents a commitment to teamwork and patient-centered care.
Two CON faculty, Beth Jensen, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE and Charlene Pruitt, MSN, RN, are working with ABSN students in the population health/community nursing course to complete a community assessment of the Huger community in preparation for opening a health and wellness clinic at the Baldwin Carson Community Center.

Scheduled to open in July 2015, the clinic will be managed by Jensen and Pruitt, both nurse practitioners, and will provide clinical experiences for CON students.

Recently, ABSN students and Carol Opiekun, MSN, RN, clinical instructor, teamed with faculty and staff from the colleges of nursing, pharmacy and health professions (physical therapy) to provide health education and screenings following a 5K walk/run that was held to raise money for a youth summer enrichment program at Cainhoy Elementary School.

PASOs celebrates 10 years of working with Latino leaders

The PASOs program, a statewide community program founded in 2005, helps the Latino community and service providers work together for strong and healthy families. The program uses an asset-based development model to recruit and train promotores (community health workers). The Latino population in SC has grown over 150 percent in the last 10 years and the PASOs program helps to fill in the gaps in services that make it difficult for families to get support.

The Charleston area PASOs program began in Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties in 2010 through a partnership with the MUSC College of Nursing’s Hispanic Health Initiative.

Recently, the program celebrated its 10th year of service with an event at the Columbia zoo. Promotores, staff and funders came together and enjoyed an evening of authentic Latin American food and dance. Congratulations to the PASOs program for its work towards healthier, happier and stronger families in SC.

HHI students provide free training to Metanoia counselors

For over five years Metanoia has been a community partner of the college by providing clinical opportunities and guest lectures for nursing students. Metanoia, located in the heart of the Chicora-Cherokee neighborhood in North Charleston, teaches people how to be successful, rather than just providing goods and services by investing in neighborhood assets to build leaders, establish quality housing and generate economic development.

This year Hispanic Health Initiative Scholars, Joseph Stocking, Matt Jones, and Caroline Ravenel gave back to the asset-based organization by providing free CPR and first aid training to Metanoia counselors for its summer Freedom School.

Metanoia’s Freedom School is based on a model program designed by the Children’s Defense Fund giving children in grades K-8th grade who live in the North Charleston community a free and safe place to go during the summer, where they can continue to flourish academically. The goal of the Freedom School is to excite students and their families through reading and learning about the rich characters, ideas, values and settings found in books.

Metanoia has a number of different programs that aim to strengthen the Chicora/Cherokee community such as a community garden, a youth entrepreneurship program, a volunteer center, a program to help residents establish homeownership and financial literacy.

“We really enjoyed spending the day with the counselors of this amazing program,” said Ravenel. “They were all very smart, motivated young people, working together with a common passion to make this community a better place for the children who live there.”
Health care policy in the Supreme Court: King vs. Burwell ruling upholds Affordable Care Act subsidies

On June 25, the Supreme Court issued a decision on the much anticipated King vs. Burwell case. The 6 to 3 ruling upholds insurance subsidies within the federal marketplace that were set-up by the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). Despite the major ramifications of this decision, the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) reported in a June poll that about seven in 10 Americans say they heard little or nothing about the King vs. Burwell case prior to the ruling.

King vs. Burwell was another challenge to President Barack Obama’s signature health care law. Specifically, this case challenged the legality of federally facilitated health insurance subsidies provided by the ACA in states that did not set-up their own exchanges. These subsidies help provide insurance coverage to middle and low-income Americans in 34 states where the federal government is operating the insurance marketplace as a part of the ACA.

The challenge from the plaintiffs stated that the Internal Revenue Service rule that allows federally facilitated marketplaces to grant premium tax credits for health insurance may not be valid. The end of the exchanges could have resulted in an estimated 6 million Americans losing these tax credits and a predicted 287 percent increase in the average premium if the tax credit was not available (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2015).

Without the subsidies, South Carolina faced larger than predicted increases with over 150,000 people at risk of losing tax credits and an expected 335 percent increase in premiums. In general, the southern states were most at risk of a ruling against the subsidies as state-based exchanges were not set-up by many southern states. These include many of the most impoverished states in the nation with eight of the 13 southern states without exchanges in the bottom nine in last year’s America’s health rankings. A ruling against the ACA in the King v Burwell case could have reversed the largest net increase in southern health care coverage since Medicaid and Medicare enactment 50 years ago. Without these federal subsidies, many participants would not have been able to afford health insurance because of the drastic increase in cost. Furthermore, those members remaining in the non-group market would see a large increase in price for their coverage. The Supreme Court ruling in King vs. Burwell in late June was in favor of the Obama administration and the ACA; it is thought that the legislation has defeated it’s last major challenge and will become a permanent part of our national health care policy history.

REFERENCE:
CON welcomes new faculty and staff

Michelle Nichols, PhD, RN has been hired as an assistant professor and a research scientist for the College of Nursing. Prior to joining MUSC, Nichols was a researcher for the Veterans Administration in Virginia conducting studies with veterans and active duty service members both at the VA and on military bases, in collaboration with the Department of Defense.

She served as an assistant professor at Virginia Commonwealth University’s School of Medicine, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Additionally, she worked in the community establishing partnerships with underserved youth and their families and community stakeholders to identify and address health disparities from a community-engaged perspective.

Nichols completed her undergraduate work at the University of Maine, obtaining degrees in both nursing and French and studied at the University of Paris, Sorbonne. She earned a master’s degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix and a PhD from MUSC.

Kathy Van Ravenstein, PhD, FNP-BC, joins the College of Nursing as an instructor in the MSN/DNP program. With a nursing background in critical care, Van Ravenstein has been certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a family nurse practitioner since 2001. She has a diverse nurse practitioner background having practiced in the areas of family and internal medicine, urology, orthopedics, cardiovascular surgery, retail and community health.

She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Southern Nursing Research Society. She previously taught in the undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Her research interests include utilizing technology to manage patients with chronic diseases.

Van Ravenstein earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. In December 2014, she completed her PhD in nursing at MUSC.

Susannah Netherland has been hired as a development associate in the College of Nursing. Netherland recently moved to Charleston from Roanoke, VA, where she worked as development and communications assistant at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute.

Netherland has completed all of her coursework for her master’s degree in political science at Virginia Tech, and is currently working on completing her thesis. Her thesis topic is “Is It a Man’s World? How Newspapers Cover Women Running for Executive Office in Virginia and North Carolina.” In addition, Netherland brings some experience from the political world as a legislative assistant to former Virginia House Minority Leader Ward Armstrong and as deputy finance director for Senator Creigh Deeds during his gubernatorial campaign.

Faculty wins

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Atz, T. (June 2015). “Developing Higher Level Simulations for Nursing Education and Beyond,” International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, Atlanta, GA.

Hollerbach, A., Cason, M., Horton, L. (June 2015). “Identifying Opportunities to Improve Transition to Practice with the Clinical Competency Questionnaire.” International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, Atlanta, GA.

POSTERS

Atz, T. (June 2015). “Creating Complex Pediatric Scenarios for Undergraduate Nursing Students.” International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, Atlanta, GA.

DeCristofaro, C., Soldwisch, S., Muglia, K. (May 2015). “Collaborative Flipping in Action.” The Teaching Professor 2015 Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Can I get a witness?

Did you know that we have four notary publics in the College of Nursing? If you ever need something notarized contact Catherine Geddings, Yolanda Long, Carolyn Page, or Jessica Williams and they should be able to help you.

OFFICE ETIQUETTE - TIP #18

CLOSED office door please DO NOT DISTURB
OPEN office door WELCOME to drop in
In September 2015, the College of Nursing at the Medical University of South Carolina is participating in a voluntary, comprehensive, self-study and national accreditation process conducted by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The purpose of CCNE accreditation is to ensure the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate education programs preparing nurses. Many facets of the College will be addressed to determine the extent to which the College achieves the stated mission, educational philosophy and goals/objectives. CCNE serves to assess and identify programs that engage in effective educational practices, thereby contributing to the improvement of the public’s health. The on-site evaluation conducted to assess the College’s compliance with CCNE standards will occur over a three-day period, specifically September 28-30, 2015.

You are invited to submit signed, written comments about the College of Nursing to CCNE by September 7, 2015. Please send all comments to the following address:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
Attention: Third Party Comments
One Dupont Circle, NW
Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036
- or -
ThirdPartyComments@aacn.nche.edu

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Lori Schroeder, MA, Director of Accreditation Services at (202) 887-6791, extension 253 or at lschroeder@aacn.nche.edu.