December 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Carlos Borrero
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The Puerto Rico School of Nurse Anesthetists
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Subject: Student Achievement Review Actions

Dear Mr. Borrero:

The Council has reviewed your recently submitted 2020 Campus Accountability Report (CAR) and has taken the following actions in keeping with Appendix L of the Accreditation Criteria.

Campus-Level Action

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*Refer to the appropriate action and corresponding reporting requirements below.

Council Actions

Campus Level Compliance Warning

As a result of its review, the Council acted to place the campus on compliance warning for the below-standard results for 2020, subject to its subsequent review. In the interim, the campus is required to complete the following:

1. An Improvement Plan that has been incorporated into the current Campus Effectiveness Plan (CEP) and includes specific activities that are being implemented to improve the programs that
are negatively impacting the campus-level placement performance for the campus. This plan is subject to review by an on-site evaluation team or upon request by the Council.

2. Semi-Annual 2021 CAR, to be submitted via the ACICS CAR system.

The Council is obligated to take adverse action against any institution that fails to come into compliance with the Accreditation Criteria within the established time frames without good cause. Given that the campus’s longest program is offered at the master’s degree level, you are advised that compliance must be achieved within 24 months. Please consult the Introduction of Title II, Chapter 3 of the Accreditation Criteria for additional information.

**Program Level Compliance Warning**

As a result of its review, the Council found that the program does not meet the Council’s standard of 60 percent for placement.

The Council considers student achievement outcomes to be of the utmost importance. Therefore, the Council acted to place the program on student achievement compliance warning for the below-standard results for 2020. In the interim, the campus is required to complete the following:

1. An Improvement Plan that has been incorporated into the current CEP and includes specific activities that are being implemented to improve program-level placement performance. This plan is subject to review by an on-site evaluation team or upon request by the Council.

2. Semi-Annual 2021 CAR, to be submitted via the ACICS CAR system. Documentation to support any placement/retention waivers may be requested by the Council, at its discretion.

The Council is obligated to take adverse action against any program that fails to come into compliance with the Accreditation Criteria within the established time frames without good cause. As this program is offered at the master’s level, you are advised that compliance must be achieved within 24 months. Please consult the Introduction of Title II, Chapter 3 of the Accreditation Criteria for additional information.

**Retention/Placement Workshop Requirement**

A representative from your campus will be required to attend the Retention/Placement Workshop. The resource is intended to aid the institution in serving their students and graduates by developing plans for improving these outcomes. In keeping with the requirements outlined in Appendix L of the Accreditation Criteria, any institution with a campus and/or program level placement and/or retention rate(s) reported below 70 percent will be required to attend the Retention/Placement Workshop.

Workshop availability will be posted on the ACICS website (https://www.acics.org/workshops) with a link for registration. It is the institution’s responsibility to register and attend the workshop within the 12 months preceding the annual CAR submission.
Failure to follow the Council’s directive may result in the suspension of your institution’s grant of accreditation. Please contact Ms. Michelle Bonocore at mbonocore@acics.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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