ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW
Fairmont State Board of Governors

☐ **Program without Special Accreditation**   ☒ **Program with Special Accreditation**

Degree Program _Nursing, B. S._   Date Submitted _4/23/2025_

INSTITUTIONAL RECOMMENDATION Approved by the Board of Governors (§ 5.2.8)

The institution is obligated to recommend continuance or discontinuance of a program and to provide a brief rationale for its recommendation:

_X_ 1. Identification of the program for further development and/or expansion due to demand (e.g., providing additional institution commitment), with or without action.

____ 2. Continuation of the program at the current level of activity; with or without action.

____ 3. Continuation of program at a reduced level of activity (e.g., restructuring curriculum, reduce credit hours, merge programs, share courses, share faculty, develop a joint program with another institution) or other corrective actions.

____ 4. Discontinuation of the Program (review for potential sunset)

Rationale for Recommendation:

_____   _5-1-25_
Signature of person preparing report: Date

_____   _5-1-25_
Signature of Dean   Date

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Signature of Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs: Date

_____   _5/5/25_
Signature of President: Date

Jennifer Kinty   _5/13/25_
Signature of Chair, Board of Governors: Date

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Executive Summary for Accredited Programs
(not to be more than 2-3 pages)

Degree Program:	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
College:	Nursing
Department:	BSN
Department Chair:	Denice Kirchoff, EdD, RN, CNE
Name of Person Completing Self-Study	Deborah Struth, PhD, RN, CNE
Accrediting Agency:	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Agency Website:	[CCNE Accreditation](#)
Date of Most Recent Accreditation Visit:	September 13-15, 2023
Review Outcome:	Continuing accreditation
Date of Next Accreditation Review:	June 30, 2034, with a mid-cycle 5 year report due 6/1/29

A. Provide a brief summary of significant findings from the most recent accreditation review. Include official letter of accreditation status.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board determined that the BSN program (both traditional BSN and RN-BSN) substantially complied with all four accreditation standards. The Board also determined that there were no compliance concerns with regards to the key elements of the accreditation standards.

B. Identify weaknesses or deficiencies from the most recent accreditation review and describe how these are being addressed.

No weaknesses or deficiencies were identified.

C. Summary of assessment model and how results are used for program improvement (A full Assessment Report is in TaskStream and can be downloaded or viewed by academic year for summation).

The CCNE accreditation Standard IV: Program Effectiveness: Assessment and Achievement of Program Outcomes dictates 10 sub standards each with "key elements" that contain performance metric or key performance indicators that we must meet or provide justification for non-compliance. We are required to complete a Systematic Evaluation of the Program (SOEP) which we refer to as the BSN Master Plan of Evaluation. The Standard IV documentation and the Master Plan of Evaluation are attached for review.

D. Attach the most recent accreditation or reaffirmation report and a copy of the letter containing the conferral of accreditation to the executive summary.

E. Attach five-year program trend data on external demand, internal demand, quality of outcomes (faculty outcomes and student outcomes) and financial health. (Data will be provided by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness). Provide a brief narrative that contextualizes this data.

The attached BSN Master Plan of Evaluation provides a five-year program trend data with the exception of financial health. There is no financial health data provided by the OIE related to the College of Nursing.

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Dear Dr. Clayton:

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 April 16-18, 2024, to grant accreditation to the **baccalaureate degree program in nursing** at Fairmont State University for 10 years, extending to June 30, 2034. The accreditation action is effective as of September 13, 2023, 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 fall of 2033.

The program was considered by the Board using the CCNE *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* (2018). Please note that CCNE recently revised its *Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs*. The 2024 *Standards* go into effect on January 1, 2025.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program substantially complied with 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 midpoint of the accreditation term. Please note that the CIPR needs to demonstrate the program's substantial compliance with the CCNE standards and key elements that are in effect at the time of its submission. The deadline for submitting the CIPR to CCNE is June 1, 2029. 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. The certificate of accreditation will be mailed to you in the coming weeks.

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.

All programs are expected to substantially comply with the CCNE standards and procedures that are in effect throughout the period of accreditation. These documents are available at https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE-Accreditation/Accreditation-Resources/Standards-Procedures-Guidelines. Information on advising CCNE in the event

of a substantive change affecting the nursing program is available at
https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE-Accreditation/What-We-Do/Bacc-Graduate-
Change-Notifications. Substantive change notifications must be received by 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,

Philip R. Martinez, Jr., EdD, MSN, APRN-BC, CCRN-CMC
Chair, CCNE Board of Commissioners

cc: President Michael Davis
        CCNE Board of Commissioners
        CCNE Accreditation Review Committee
        CCNE Evaluation Team