The Nursing Program at Lincoln University is regionally accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Accreditation is an expression of confidence in the Nursing Program's mission, goals, performance, and resources. Last year the Nursing Program completed a self-study as part of our reaffirmation of CCNE accreditation.

**CCNE ACCREDITATION: February 5-7, 2020**

**DEFINING ACCREDITATION**
Accreditation is the process in which certification of competency, authority, or credibility is presented to an institution or program.

**PURPOSE OF ACCREDITATION**
Accreditation ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. The Commission serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education and nurse residency programs.

**SELF STUDY**
A self-study is a comprehensive self-evaluation of the nursing program based on the Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs. The report describes the strengths and areas for improvement.

**FOUR STANDARDS**
The Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) employs four standards or characteristics of excellence in the accreditation process (Revised 2018). The Nursing program is expected to demonstrate these standards in substantial measure and they should be congruent with those of the parent Institution (Lincoln University), be consistent with relevant professional nursing standards and guidelines for the preparation of nursing professionals. The standards include:

1. **The mission, goals, and expected program outcomes**
2. **Commitment to and support by the parent Institution**
3. **Curriculum reflecting the mission, goals and program outcomes**
4. **Effective program fulfilling its mission and goals as evidenced by achieving expected program outcomes**

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