

October 1, 2026

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Re: NEU1189

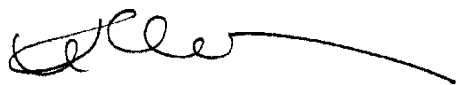
Dear Dr. Avery and Dr. Peacock:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at its meeting in September 2026. The Board of Commissioners granted Initial Accreditation to the associate program, including all program options reviewed, and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Spring 2031. Based on *ACEN Policy #34 Candidacy for a Governing Organization/Nursing Program Seeking Initial Accreditation*, the effective date for initial accreditation of the associate nursing program is April 23, 2025. Please see *ACEN Policy #9 Disclosure of Information About an Accredited Program* for the required disclosure statement regarding this decision that must be made to all current and prospective students within seven business days of this letter.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! We look forward to continued successes for your nursing program. In addition to this official letter, your nursing program will receive an ACEN certificate authenticating the Board of Commissioners' decision.

If you have questions about this action or about ACEN policies and procedures, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN
Chief Executive Officer



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Chief Accreditation Officer

ACEN Board of Commissioners Meeting Outcome

Linn-Benton Community College

Associate Program

Date of Decision: September 3, 2026

Accreditation Decision: Initial Accreditation

Next Site Visit Cycle: Spring 2031

Findings: NONE

Initial Accreditation Date: April 23, 2025

Final decisions were made based on the 2023 Standards and Criteria.