## Public Announcement

Pensacola State College, Bachelor of Science Nursing program is seeking initial nursing professional accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Pensacola State College will host an on-site CCNE accreditation evaluation on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> of 2015.

As an autonomous nursing professional accrediting agency, the CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of nursing programs. CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective education 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.

Accreditation by CCNE in essence holds nursing programs accountable to the community of interest - the nursing profession, consumer, employers, higher education, students and their families - and to one another by ensuring the program curriculum is appropriate to prepare individuals to fulfill their expected roles within the nursing profession.

As part of the procedural process, all affected parties (students, alumni, faculty and the community at interest) are encouraged to provide written input into the deliberations of an evaluation team. In September, the CCNE evaluators will be on the Pensacola State College campus to review the program and determine its eligibility for CCNE accreditation.

Any specific written and signed third-party comments relating to the accreditation process will be accepted by CCNE until 21 days before the scheduled on-site evaluation. All third-party comments will be accepted by CCNE until August 12, 2015. All third-party comments should be directed to the CCNE home office at the address listed below.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Attn: Third-Party Comments 1 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036

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