



March 24, 2017

**In re: # 1394 Saint Joseph's School of Nursing**

**AFFIRM DECISION  
Re: Denial of Reaccreditation**

Appeal of the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training at its December 2016 meeting, denying reaccreditation to Saint Joseph's School of Nursing located at 816 West Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA 93534.

**DECISION OF THE APPEALS PANEL**

Having considered the record before the Accrediting Commission when it made its decision in this case at its December 2016 meeting, as supplemented by the institution's written appeals brief, dated March 3, 2017, and the oral presentation provided by representatives of the institution (Ms. Niki Joseph, CEO and Ms. Joyce Mullen, Consultant) at the hearing before the Appeals Panel on March 24, 2017, the members of the Appeals panel unanimously find, with regard to the citations outlined in the December 22, 2016, Commission action letter, as follows:

Based upon the argument and information presented in the appeal brief, dated March 3, 2017, as well as the oral presentation provided at the hearing on March 24, 2017, the Panel affirmed the findings in the Commission's decision letter of December 22, 2016, including those cited under:

- 1) Standard I-C Planning
- 2) Standard II-B Institutional Management
- 3) Standard II-C Human Resource Management
- 4) Standard IV-B Program/Instructional Materials
- 5) Standard IV-C Externships/Internships
- 6) Standard IV-D Curriculum Review/Revision
- 7) Standard V-C Learning Resources, Equipment, and Supplies
- 8) Standard VI-B Supervision of Instruction
- 9) Standard VI-C Instructor Orientation and Training
- 10) Standard VIII-B Attendance

- 11) Standard VIII-C Student Progress
- 12) Standard IX-A Student Satisfaction
- 13) Standard IX-B Employer/Sponsor Satisfaction
- 14) Standard IX-C Completion and Placement

Upon consideration of additional information provided in the appeals brief and presentation, the Appeals Panel concluded that the institution demonstrated compliance with Standard II-F Professional Relationships cited by the Commission in its December 22, 2016, letter. Additionally, the Appeals Panel acknowledged that the institution initiated other corrective actions to improve its operation; however, these actions were incomplete and without sufficient validation of their systematic and effective implementation prior to the Commission's December 2, 2016, decision. The Appeals Panel found that the institution failed to provide documented evidence to demonstrate that the institution was in compliance with the fourteen (14) ACCET Standards for Accreditation identified above and in the Commission's denial letter, dated December 22, 2016. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the members of the Appeals Panel to affirm the Commission's decision conveyed in the December 22, 2016, action letter, as amended by this decision.

APPEALS PANEL

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Chairperson

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