

# CCNE Schedules Accreditation Visit to Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing; Comments Solicited

August 10, 2011

Dear Friend of the Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing,

The College of Nursing will be hosting an on-site evaluation team from the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** (CCNE, [website](#)) from **November 14-16, 2011** as part of the initial accreditation process for the BSMCON *Bachelor of Science in nursing* and RN to BSN programs. The visitors will be meeting with members of the College and professional community as part of their evaluation.

This review is conducted to ascertain the College's compliance with accreditation standards of the CCNE. As a part of the evaluation process, the College is asked to inform its communities of interest of the opportunity to provide written input to the review team for their deliberations. Written and signed third-party comments will be accepted by the CCNE through *Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011*. All communications should be directed to:

Ms. Cristina Walcott  
Administrative Assistant  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530  
Washington, DC 20036

Please note that the CCNE shares third-party comments with members of the evaluation team prior to the visit, but at no time during the review process are these comments shared with the Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing. During the review of the College's BSN and RN to BSN programs, the evaluation team will consider any third-party comments, if any, which relate to the programs compliance with the accreditation standards.

## WHAT IS CCNE?

The **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** (CCNE) "is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. A specialized/professional accrediting agency, CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate education programs preparing effective nurses. CCNE 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 education programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education."

Accreditation by CCNE is intended to accomplish at least five general purposes:

- To hold nursing education programs accountable to the community of interest – the nursing profession, consumers, employers, higher education, students and their families – and to one another by ensuring that these programs have mission statements, goals and outcomes that are appropriate for programs preparing individuals to enter the field of nursing.
- To evaluate the success of a nursing education program in achieving its mission, goals and outcomes.
- To assess the extent to which a nursing education program meets accreditation standards.
- To inform the public of the purposes and values of accreditation and to identify nursing education programs that meet accreditation standards.
- To foster continuing improvement in nursing education programs – and thereby in professional practice.

Sincerely,

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