

June 26, 2026

Karmen Padfield, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, PHN
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18422 Bear Valley Road
Victorville, CA 92395

Dear Ms. Padfield:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that your application for candidacy has been granted for the associate nursing program at Victor Valley College. Your candidate status is valid for two years; therefore, the initial accreditation site visit must take place before Spring 2028. Please note that approval of candidacy does not guarantee that the program will achieve initial accreditation. If this candidacy period leads to initial accreditation, the effective date of that initial accreditation will be June 22, 2026.

Pre-accreditation is not within the scope of recognition the ACEN has with the United States Department of Education (USDE). Any program/institution granted candidacy may not use ACEN candidacy status to seek or gain Title IV eligibility or eligibility for any other federal funding.

The ACEN's goal is to promote quality nursing education and to support you and your faculty in the accreditation process. Two comprehensive and independent reviews of your program's Candidacy Presentation have been completed by professional staff.

The decision to grant candidacy status is based on the nursing program (a) demonstrating it is currently compliant with selected ACEN Standards and Criteria and (b) demonstrating the potential to achieve ACEN accreditation based upon the selected ACEN Standards and Criteria reviewed in the Candidacy Presentation. Please note that the program must demonstrate compliance with all ACEN Standards and Criteria at the time of the site visit. To assist in your continued development toward the initial accreditation review, please see the attached staff comments.

A Site Visit Request Form must be submitted. This form is available on the ACEN website under "*Resources for Nursing Programs*."

Please note the following important deadlines for scheduling your visit:

- To request a Fall cycle site visit, you must submit your request by **February 1st** of the same year.
- To request a Spring cycle site visit, you must submit your request by **September 1st** of the prior year.

Although you have 90 days to submit the request, the site visit must also align with these cycle deadlines.

In keeping with ACEN policy, your program will be added to our listing of candidates (website and directory). Programs that achieve candidacy must publicly disclose the following information exactly as illustrated below:

Effective June 22, 2026, this nursing program is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires in Spring 2028.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000
<https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs?status=Candidate>

Note: Upon granting of initial accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of initial accreditation is the date on which the nursing program was approved by the ACEN as a candidate program that concluded in the Board of Commissioners granting initial accreditation.

Please contact the ACEN if the annual licensure/certification examination pass rate for this program is below 80% at any time between now and the site visit. Please note that the program must be in compliance with all Accreditation Standards for the ACEN Board of Commissioners to grant initial accreditation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or another ACEN Director.

Sincerely,



Nell Ard, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF
Chief Accreditation Officer