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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
The Associate Degree Nursing Program at Excelsior College
Albany, New York**

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The following publicly available information is provided by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) concerning the accreditation of the associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203. Information presented below is in accordance with ACEN Policy #5 Notification of Commission Decisions.

Why did the ACEN Board of Commissioners vote to deny continuing accreditation to the associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College?

The ACEN Board of Commissioners voted to deny continuing accreditation for failure to comply with Standard 4 Curriculum, Criterion 4.9, and Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2, of the ACEN Standards and Criteria. Standard 4 expects the curriculum to support the achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes and program outcomes and is consistent with safe practice in contemporary healthcare environments. Criterion 4.9 expects student clinical experiences and practice learning environments are evidence-based; reflect contemporary practice and nationally established patient health and safety goals; and support the achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes. Standard 6 expects that program evaluation demonstrates that students have achieved each end-of-program student learning outcome and each program outcome. Criterion 6.2 expects the program demonstrates evidence of graduates' achievement on the licensure examination.

Access the [ACEN Standards and Criteria](#) to read the full text of the Standards and Criteria cited above.

What is the accreditation status of the associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College?

On March 18-19, 2020, the ACEN Board of Commissioners voted to deny continuing accreditation to the associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College.

On August 31, 2020, the Appeal Committee affirmed the Board of Commissioners decision for failure to comply with Standard 4 Curriculum, Criterion 4.9, and Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2, of the ACEN Standards and Criteria.

On September 30, 2020, the Board of Commissioners extended the accreditation of the associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College to provide time to teach-out students as appropriate either by completing the program or transferring elsewhere. Additionally, Excelsior College agreed to voluntarily withdraw from ACEN accreditation effective May 11, 2021. The

associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College will remain accredited with the ACEN with a status of continuing accreditation for good cause until May 10, 2021. Effective May 11, 2021 the associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College will not be accredited with the ACEN and will be removed from the list of ACEN accredited programs. If Excelsior College misses any required deadline or fails to follow any ACEN policy/procedure prior to May 11, 2021, then the associate degree nursing program at Excelsior College will forfeit its accreditation with the ACEN and be immediately removed from the list of ACEN accredited programs.

The ACEN is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a reliable authority regarding the quality of education or training offered by institutions/nursing programs accredited by the ACEN. Consistent with Federal Regulation and CHEA Standards and consistent with maintaining a commitment to constituents as a reliable authority, when an undue hardship on students occurs from applying the ACEN Standards and Criteria, policies, and procedures normally and consistently if a nursing program does not bring itself into compliance within the period specified by the ACEN Board of Commissioners and a program was denied continuing accreditation, then the ACEN Board of Commissioners may maintain a program's accreditation until the program has had reasonable time to complete the activities in a [teach-out plan](#) or to fulfill the obligations of any [teach-out agreement](#) to assist students in transferring or completing their nursing program.