



**Public Notice of CCNE Accreditation Visit  
Invitation for Third-Party Comments  
June 6, 2014**

To continually ensure that our educational programs are effective, of the highest quality, and meet the established standards of undergraduate and graduate (master's, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and post-master's Advanced Practice Registered Nurse certificate) programs in nursing education, the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) is seeking a 10-year accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). CCNE will conduct an on-site accreditation visit at UMSON September 22-24, 2014.

In accordance with their *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, CCNE provides the opportunity for program constituents to submit, in writing, third-party comments concerning a program's qualifications for accreditation status. Third-party comments must relate to the *CCNE Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/Standards-Amended-2013.pdf>), and must be signed and received at the CCNE offices by **August 23, 2014**. Comments are shared only with the CCNE evaluation team appointed to review UMSON programs. All concerns related to the accreditation standards will be identified in the accreditation report and UMSON will have an opportunity to respond to those concerns as part of its response to that report.

Please submit comments via email to Catherine Sneed, CCNE Accreditation Coordinator, at:  
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