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To: Florida A&M University, School of Nursing

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Re: Florida Board of Nursing – Program Status Change

Dear Nursing Students,

Over the past two years, 2019 -2020, the FAMU School of nursing has had a minimal increase in the NCLEX first-time passing rate. In 2019, the first-time NCLEX Pass Rate was 63.44%, followed by a 66.67% pass rate in the 2020 calendar year. The Florida State Board of Nursing requires that nursing programs meet the national average NCLEX first-time pass rate, which is currently approximately 91%.

Based on the past two years first-time NCLEX Pass Rates, the FAMU School of Nursing has been placed on probation for the 2021 calendar year. The pre-licensure program will be reevaluated again in January 2022. The administration of the School of Nursing has submitted a detailed plan of action to improve the first-time pass rate for all graduates of the program. While improvements were integrated in the Fall of 2020, addition evidence-based improvements will be applied over the coming months to strengthen teaching and learning outcomes. Changes will be communicated via town hall meetings, handbook updates, the SON website and course syllabi.

The School of Nursing remains accredited. The Accreditation Commission for Education (ACEN) Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation for good cause for two years to the baccalaureate nursing program of Florida A&M University.

Our goal for 2021 is to reach the first-time NCLEX pass rate of 90%. We will work together to assist you in passing the comprehensive predictor, reaching complete readiness for NCLEX success and passing the NCLEX on the first attempt.

The FAMU School of Nursing is the oldest continuing baccalaureate nursing program in the State of Florida and the oldest continuing baccalaureate nursing program in the United States at a historically black institution. FAMU plans to maintain its legacy and continue to serve our community through the provision of high-quality nursing education and aiding society in the creating of nurses who serve vulnerable populations across the nation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley A. Johnson'.

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