

Agenda Item: 3.2.6.  
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Board Meeting: July 2020

**Notification of Award of Accreditation for the Master's Degree in Nursing Program  
by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
to Texas A&M University-Commerce in Commerce, Texas  
Family Nurse Practitioner Program**

**Summary:**

The Board of Nursing has been notified by Carole McKenzie, PhD, RN, Interim Department of Nursing Director of the Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) in Commerce, Texas, that the Master's Degree Program in Nursing at A&M-Commerce has received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (See Attachment #1).

**Historical Perspective:**

- The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program at A&M-Commerce was approved by the Board at the July 2017 meeting and enrolled students in Fall 2017.
- Thirty-four FNP students have been admitted since 2017.
- Seven students are scheduled to graduate in May 2020.
- The director of the FNP Program is Debra Mahoney, PhD, APRN, FNP.
- The program received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) effective April 10, 2019. The accreditation meets the requirement for a Board-approved advanced practice nursing program to achieve national nursing accreditation within five (5) years [Rule 219(d)(1)(B)].
- The program may be removed from the list of nursing programs under the purview of the Board.
- Board Staff congratulate the Family Nurse Practitioner for success in achieving CCNE accreditation and current successes with the program.

This report is for notification only. No Board action is necessary.

# CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

In accordance with its accreditation standards and procedures  
**COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION**  
has accredited

**Master's Degree Program in Nursing**  
**Texas A&M University-Commerce**

*The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is listed by the U.S. Secretary of Education  
as a nationally recognized accrediting agency.*

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 10, 2019

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACCREDITATION



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THIS CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR THE DURATION OF THE PERIOD OF ACCREDITATION