



Update on Accreditation Status: January 10, 2017

On December 12, 2016 the U.S. Department of Education formally withdrew the recognition of the Accrediting Council for Independent College and Schools (ACICS) as an accreditor after they lost their appeal. ACICS has stated that they will file an injunction against the decision.

While Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON) and 244 other institutions of higher learning have been impacted by this decision, BSMCON maintains its accreditation via a signed Provisional Program Participation Agreement (PPPA) with the U.S. Department of Education. The PPPA allows institutions with provisional accreditation to continue to receive federal student financial assistance authorized by Title IV, for a period of 18 months, while they seek accreditation from another accreditor.

BSMCON has been proactive in its approach to secure and finalize a new accreditor. In July 2016 the College began the application process for accreditation with another accrediting agency recognized by the Department of Education.

The College has programmatic accreditation for the baccalaureate degree in nursing by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), an autonomous arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The College received a 95 percent pass rate for the NCLEX-RN and a 97.7 percent job placement rate for our graduates during the 2015-2016 academic year. The College is certified to operate by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia and is approved by the Virginia Board of Education.

During the 18 month provisional accreditation period, Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing will continue to provide federal financial aid under Title IV eligibility to all students who qualify. Should BSMCON be unable to secure alternative accreditation by June 12, 2018 federal financial aid funding would cease.

If any student at BSMCON has a complaint relating to Title IV eligibility or administration, the quality of education received, or otherwise relating to the accreditation standards of ACICS, the student should submit that complaint to any of the following:



Memorial College of Nursing

Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing

Dr. Melanie H. Green, Vice President and Provost
8550 Magellan Pkwy
Richmond, VA 23227 (804)
627-5325
<http://www.bsmcon.edu/>

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
(800) 872-5327
<https://www.ed.gov/>

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

101 N. 14th St., 10th Floor
James Monroe Building
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 225-2600
<http://www.schev.edu/>

Office of the Attorney General of Virginia

202 North Ninth Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-2071
<http://www.oag.state.va.us/>

Consumer Protection – Attorney General of Virginia

202 North Ninth Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-2071
<http://ag.virginia.gov/citizen-resources/consumer-protection/13-resource/23-consumer-protection>

For additional information, visit: <https://www.ed.gov/acics>.