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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS RECEIVE ACCREDITATION Doctor of Nursing Practice & APRN Certificate

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (November 14, 2014) – The University of Saint Joseph’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and the post-graduate APRN certificate for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners have received five-year accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The CCNE Board of Commissioners determined that the programs met all four accreditation standards.

“Meeting CCNE standards and receiving accreditation reflects the high caliber of the University’s Nursing programs,” said Patricia Morgan, Ph.D., associate dean and chair of the Nursing department. “We are committed to educating nursing professionals who serve and lead across the globe.”

A leader in health care education, the University offers multiple Nursing degrees on the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels. In addition to the DNP and post-graduate APRN certificates, USJ offers three baccalaureate degree programs (B.S. in Nursing, an Accelerated Second Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing, and the RN-to-B.S.), master’s degrees in Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. For a complete overview, visit www.usj.edu/nursing.

“The University is committed to preparing professionals who will answer the needs of the changing health care landscape,” said USJ President Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D. “The variety of programs offered meets the needs of the workforce, while giving students the opportunity to move into meaningful and long-lasting careers.”

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an autonomous accrediting agency that ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in Nursing. CCNE accreditation is a nongovernmental peer review process that operates in accordance with nationally recognized standards established for the practice of accreditation in the United States.

Per the CCNE, the University’s materials will state: The Doctor of Nursing Practice program and the post graduate APRN certificate for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners at the

University of Saint Joseph are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791 (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>).

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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master's and doctoral degree programs are taught on the University's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and for coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 25 majors and seven pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

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