Dear MSN Education Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing at Pittsburg State University. Graduate study is important in preparing nurses for advanced nursing roles. Our school offers a focused Master's in Nursing with an Education Emphasis. Graduates will be prepared to take The Certified Nurse Educator<sup>CM</sup> (CNE) Examination upon completion of the program. We are proud of the quality of our nursing programs. By adding the Educator Emphasis, the School of Nursing is striving to meet its goal of preparing nurse educators for local and regional healthcare needs.

Pittsburg State University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission: A Commission of The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. The HLC accredits degree granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central Region of the United States.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing/master's degree program in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice program and/or post-graduate APRN certificate program at Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; <u>http://www.ccneaccreditation.org</u>

The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, and doctor of nursing practice degree at Pittsburg State University are approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Rm 1051, Topeka, Kansas 66612; 785-296-4929; www.ksbn.org

All current and prospective Master of Science in Nursing applicants will be considered for admission based on both admission requirements and resource availability. Application deadline for first consideration for admission to the nursing program is March 15th for summer or fall enrollment and October 15th for spring enrollment. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 PM on these dates, if they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, acceptance will extend to Monday at 4:30 PM. Applications that meet all requirements are reviewed by Graduate Nursing Faculty and ranked based on Undergraduate GPA, Critical Thinking Test Results, References, and Writing Sample.

We wish you well with your future academic and professional nursing goals.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Giefer, PhD, APRN, FNP Director & University Professor Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing