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Dear [NAME],

As a member of the Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN), I would like to encourage you to review the recently released [**Pediatric Pre-Licensure Core Competencies**](http://www.pedsnurses.org/d/do/2942)**.** These competencies were formulated by a core group of pediatric clinical and academic experts that are committed to advancing the practice of child health nursing in all its dimensions.

This document reflects the current state of the science, builds on foundational knowledge, skills and attitudes, and provides evidence-based core competencies to prepare the graduating nurse for practice in any pediatric health care setting.

The [**Pediatric Pre-Licensure Core Competencies**](http://www.pedsnurses.org/d/do/2942)are designed to provide evidence-based blueprint of essential concepts and cognitive skills related to delivering quality care to children and their parents. There are 13 core concepts detailed within three domains: Role of the Pediatric Nurse, Growth and Development, and Child and Family-centered Care. The document is not prescriptive but rather a guide for educators and employers as to learning outcomes and realistic expectations for the newly graduated nurse.

I believe it is vital that we integrate these competencies into our curriculum as these standards help to ensure that baccalaureate nursing education provides the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to be successful within pediatrics and provide safe, quality, child and family-centered care.

Please download and access the core competencies [here](http://www.pedsnurses.org/core-competencies) and share them with educators and administrators. Together we can ensure that [INSTITUTION] and our graduating nurses are well-equipped to practice in the pediatric health care setting.

Sincerely,

[NAME]