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Dr. Trace Haythorn  
Executive Director  
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.  
One West Court Square, Suite 325  
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Dr. Haythorn,

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPE). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I grant ACPE renewed recognition as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for a period of five years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to ACPE for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of both clinical pastoral education (CPE) centers and Supervisory CPE programs located within the United States and territories.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of ACPE. We appreciate the work that ACPE does to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly L. Ham".

Holly L. Ham  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of Management

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