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Dr. Heather Stagliano  
Director of Accrediation  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education  
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Dear Dr. Stagliano,

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). 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 ACOTE 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 ACOTE for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of occupational therapy educational programs offering the professional master's degree, combined baccalaureate/master's degree, and occupational therapy doctorate (OTD) degree; the accreditation of occupational therapy assistant programs offering the associate degree or a certificate; and the accreditation of these programs offered via distance education.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of ACOTE. We appreciate the work that ACOTE 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  
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