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Francis Gerbasi, Director of Accreditation and Education
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
222 South Prospect, Suite 304
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-4010

Dear Dr. Gerbasi:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COANAEP). 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 COANAEP renewed federal recognition 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 COANAEP for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of institutions and programs of nurse anesthesia at the post master`s certificate, master`s, or doctoral degree levels in the United States, and its territories, including programs offering distance education.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Auer Jones".

Diane Auer Jones
Principal Deputy Under Secretary
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