



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Rebecca Pelton, President
Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
420 Park Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear Dr. Pelton:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE). 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 now find MACTE compliant and grant MACTE renewed recognition as an institutional and programmatic accrediting agency for a period of three years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to MACTE for a period of three years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of Montessori teacher education institutions and programs throughout the United States, including those offered via distance education.

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

Sincerely,

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