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OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Marsal P. Stoll, Chief Executive Officer  
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
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Atlanta, GA 30326

Dear Dr. Stoll:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). 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 ACEN 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 ACEN for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: Accreditation of nursing education programs and schools, both postsecondary and higher degree, which offer a certificate, diploma, or a recognized professional degree including clinical doctorate, masters, baccalaureate, associate, diploma, and practical nursing programs in the United States and its territories, including those offered via distance education.

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

Sincerely,

Diane Auer Jones  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office of Postsecondary Education

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