

June 15, 2021 *VIA EMAIL*

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Subject: Continued Accreditation Granted for 10 Years

Dear Dr. O'Sullivan:

The directors of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) are pleased to inform The University of Iowa College of Nursing Anesthesia Nursing Program, Iowa City, IA, that continued accreditation has been granted. This decision recognizes the program for providing a graduate level curriculum leading to the award of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. A certificate designating this accreditation that is effective May 19, 2021 will be mailed under separate cover.

Given this action of the COA, the program will be scheduled for its next consideration of continued accreditation in **Spring 2031**. The COA may change this to an earlier time as a result of new or additional information, changes in the activities of your program, or changes needed in the accreditation review schedule. Your program will be notified of any change in advance of the time of the next review.

Please note, consistent with requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education a focused in-person onsite visit of the program is required. The COA will conduct the focused in-person onsite visit in follow-up to the virtual accreditation review when it is practicable to do so. The program is advised that the continued accreditation decision may be amended if the follow-up in-person onsite visit reveals areas of partial or non-compliance that are not found resolved by the COA following a review of the program's Response to Summary Report.

The 2011 <u>Accreditation Policies and Procedures</u> (page D3) manual states: "*Established* programs: Submit confidential and anonymous faculty and student evaluations at the midpoint of an accreditation cycle. For example, a program receiving a 10-year accreditation would submit evaluations at 5 years following the accreditation decision." The COA uses an online evaluation process. Accordingly, we will send you instructions for the faculty and student online evaluations in **Fall 2025**. Students and faculty must submit the completed evaluations by **December 1, 2025**. All evaluations will then be reviewed by the COA at its **Spring 2026** meeting.

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The directors of the COA are particularly pleased to offer their congratulations to everyone at the program who has demonstrated their commitment to meeting the requirements for continued accreditation. Please accept the COA's congratulations on the program's performance in achieving maximum accreditation status.

Sincerely,

Francis Gerbasi, PhD, CRNA

Chief Executive Officer

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