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VIA EMAIL

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Subject: Graduate Degree Approval - Doctoral Degree for CRNAs

Dear Dr. Corder:

During its January 19-21, 2010, meeting, the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) reviewed the summary report of the focused on-site visit to the Wolford College Nurse Anesthesia Program to measure program compliance with the COA's policy and procedure, "Graduate Degree Approval: Master's and Doctoral (for CRNA completion degree programs)," as described in the COA's Accreditation *Policies and Procedures* manual.


The COA is pleased to inform the Wolford College Nurse Anesthesia Program of the approval of the doctoral degree completion program for CRNAs. COA members found the program's response to be in compliance with the Standards and requirements contained in the COA's policy and procedure for evaluating nurse anesthesia programs as authorized in its recognized scope of accreditation authority. The decision recognizes the program for providing a graduate level curriculum leading to the award of a Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice degree for post master's degree CRNAs. The proposed date of implementation of this degree offering is June 2010. The COA will consider the implementation date firm unless we receive written notification otherwise.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the program to notify the COA in the event of any changes in the graduate degree program. Also, such education is subject to review and evaluation by on-site reviewers during on-site reviews.

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On behalf of the COA, I not only thank you for your cooperation in completing the application, but I also congratulate the program on the COA's decision. I wish the program continued success in its educational endeavors.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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