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Subject: Graduate Degree Approval - Doctoral Degree for Entry into Nurse Anesthesia Practice and Distance Education Status Change

Dear Dr. Nyght:

During its May 21-23, 2012 meeting, the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) reviewed the outlines completed by the program to measure program compliance with the COA's policies and procedures, "Graduate Degree Approval: Doctoral Degrees (for entry into nurse anesthesia practice)," and "Distance Education" as described in the COA's Accreditation *Policies and Procedures* manual. In addition, the program's clarification regarding its continued use of the Angel course management system for the conducting of online courses in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program has been received and found satisfactory.

The COA is pleased to inform the University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesia Program of the approval of its doctoral degree program for entry into practice as well as the approval of a distance education status change to an approved distance education program. COA directors found that the program's responses are in compliance with the standards and requirements contained in the COA's policies and procedures of 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 Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The proposed date of implementation of this program is May 29, 2012. The COA will consider the implementation date firm unless we receive written notification otherwise.

Please remember that it is the program's responsibility to notify the COA in the event of any changes in the doctoral degree program or distance education offering. Also, such education is subject to evaluation by on-site reviewers during the program's next on-site review.

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On behalf of the COA, I'd like to congratulate the program on the COA's decisions. I wish the program continued success in its educational endeavors.

Sincerely,



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