



November 14, 2017

VIA EMAIL

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Subject: Continued Accreditation Granted for 10 years

Dear Dr. Pellegrini:

The directors of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) are pleased to inform the University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia, Baltimore, MD, 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 degree. A certificate designating this accreditation that is effective October 18, 2017, 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 **Fall 2027**. 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.

The 2011 Accreditation Policies and Procedures (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 **Spring 2022**. Students and faculty must submit the completed evaluations by **June 1, 2022**. All evaluations will then be reviewed by the COA at its **Fall 2022** meeting.

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Finally, the COA would like the program to know that very few programs are granted accreditation with no progress report required. Even fewer programs have achieved the maximum accreditation of ten years. Therefore, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Gerbasi".

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Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: Approval of New Clinical Site

Dear Dr. Pellegrini:

During its October 18-20, 2017, meeting, the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) reviewed the information which was submitted on behalf of University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia regarding a new clinical site. The review of new sites is conducted according to written policy regarding clinical sites. The purpose is to determine if the alliances constitute a major change and if they could have any effect on the program's accreditation.

Information for the following clinical site was reviewed:

Midtown Campus, Baltimore, MD

It is the COA's understanding that this acquisition functions as an enrichment site for the program. It is expected that this site should not have any effect on the ability of the program to continue to meet accreditation requirements.

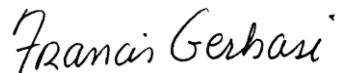
The program's sponsoring institution must ensure that the COA has access to information necessary to perform its accreditation function, including patient information. This includes information in the control of the program's clinical sites. The sponsoring institution should make arrangements with all clinical sites for disclosure of clinical site information, including patient information, to the COA, as necessary for the COA to perform its accreditation function.

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Finally, the directors of the COA wish to thank you for your submission and wish you success in implementing your plans.

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Subject: Approval of Request to Increase Class Size

Dear Dr. Pellegrini:

During its October 18-20, 2017 meeting, the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) reviewed the application from the University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia requesting an increase in its established class size. The review of the application was conducted according to written policy regarding program resources and student capacity. **The COA approved the increase in the program's class size from 25 to 32 students.**

Following a review of the program's application, the COA determined that the program possesses adequate resources to support the increase in its class size, and that the increase should not have any effect on the ability of the program to continue to meet accreditation requirements.

If the program determines it would like to increase its class size in the future, it must reference the COA policy "*Program Resources and Student Capacity*" and "*Application for Increasing Class Size*" (ref. COA Policies and Procedures). The application must be submitted to the Council **prior to the academic year the increase will occur and in accordance with the applicable deadline published in the policy.** Submission deadlines are based upon programs' academic year. Please notify your specialist if you plan to submit an application. Applications will be submitted through the program's COAccess portal. Programs can expect a preliminary decision within 45 days of the submission of a complete application.

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