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VIA EMAIL

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Subject: Continued Accreditation Granted for 10 years

Dear Dr. Barnett:

The directors of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) are pleased to inform the Mount Marty University Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology, Sioux Falls, SD, 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 Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) degree. A certificate designating this accreditation that is effective May 20, 2025 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 2035**. 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 **Fall 2029**. Students and faculty must submit the completed evaluations by **December 1, 2029**. All evaluations will then be reviewed by the COA at its **Spring 2030** meeting.



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Subject: Certification Examination Scores – At or Above COA Pass Rate Requirement

Dear Dr. Barnett:

During its May 20-22, 2025 meeting, the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) reviewed the Mount Marty University Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology's National Certification Examination (NCE) pass rate for the 2024 graduation cohort in accordance with the *Certification Examination* policy (ref. Policies and Procedures manual, C-4).

Programs' pass rates are calculated using the following methods. If the pass rate requirement is not met using Method 1, it will be recalculated using Method 2. If the pass rate requirement is not met using Method 2, it will be recalculated using Method 3.

1. *Method 1*: The number of graduates in the most recent graduation cohort who passed the NCE on their first attempt
2. *Method 2*: The number of graduates in the three most recent graduation cohorts who passed the NCE on their first attempt
3. *Method 3*: The number of graduates in the most recent graduation cohort who passed the NCE on their first attempt plus the number of graduates who passed the NCE on their second attempt within 60 days of program completion

The COA has identified that your program's students complete the program in May each year. This was determined from demographic data pertaining to the program's degree offering maintained by the COA. The program's graduation cohort for 2024 was October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024.

The COA pass rate requirement as defined in the policy is 80%. The COA is pleased to inform you that your program's 2024 pass rate was calculated as 85% using Method 1, which exceeded the threshold. The program is in compliance with the *Certification Examination* policy.