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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Anesthesia Nursing Program at the University of Iowa. The Anesthesia Nursing program is jointly sponsored by the Systems and Practice Department in the College of Nursing and the Anesthesia Department in the College of Medicine. Nurse anesthesia (SRNA) programs throughout the United States are in the process of transitioning from a Master's degree format to a Practice Doctorate format.

I am pleased to announce that the University of Iowa College of Nursing has completed the CCNE application and site visit and anticipates approval of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree this fall. Therefore, students being interviewed this fall 2009 will, if all things occur as planned, begin a 36 month DNP program in early June 2010 and graduate 36 months later in May 2013 with a DNP and eligibility to take the CRNA exam. The DNP/CRNA program will be 36 months long and will have different and more courses than the MSN/CRNA program. Students with an MSN/CRNA credential will not be grandfathered-in to the DNP. Students graduating from the University of Iowa, as well as other CRNA programs before receiving all required DNP accreditation, will receive a MSN degree. They can take additional coursework to obtain the DNP. Former MSN graduates with the ARNP and CRNA credential can complete the DNP in 12 month full-time or 24 months part-time. Since there have been several changes in the MSN and CRNA programs over the years, the exact coursework needed for completing the DNP will be evaluated and determined by the College of Nursing on an individual basis.

For more information about the DNP, visit the American Association of Colleges of Nursing website at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/DNP>. Read the DNP Fact sheet and the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice for the most relevant information. There is also a list of colleges offering either the DNP or DNP completion programs, though none that I am aware of, offer a DNP program that takes a BSN-RN to DNP/CRNA. The listed programs are DNP completion programs. The University of Iowa is in the forefront of shifting advanced practice nursing from MSN to DNP entry programs.

Please do examine the program's homepage at <http://anesthesia.nursing.uiowa.edu>. This website will provide additional information on the anesthesia nursing program. In addition, you will find links for more information both for the University of Iowa and its cultural and athletic events and about our community.

If you have questions on the admission process, other program related inquiries or would like to arrange a visit, please contact the program office at (319) 384-7354 by telephone or via e-mail at sharon-doak@uiowa.edu. We would be very happy to assist you. Thank you again for your interest in our program and we hope to hear from you in the future.

Sincerely,

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