



Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

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**School #B001412**

Dear Ms. Kim:

At the August 2024 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges ("ACCSC" or "the Commission") considered the Application for Renewal of Accreditation submitted by Gemological Institute of America located in New York, New York. Upon review of the June 25, 2024 On-site Evaluation Report and the school's response to that report, the Commission voted to grant Gemological Institute of America **Renewal of Accreditation**. The Commission's action renews the school's accreditation for a period of five (5) years going forward from February 2024.<sup>1</sup> Congratulations on this significant achievement.

Included with this letter is an ACCSC Approved Program Enclosure as documentation of the school's approved programs. Although ACCSC accreditation is institutional in nature, all programs offered by the school must be approved by the Commission. Gemological Institute of America will find the Commission's requirements for the addition of new programs and modifications to existing programs in the *Standards of Accreditation*.

In accordance with this action, the Commission is enclosing a copy of the school's Certificate of Accreditation. Through the renewal of accreditation, Gemological Institute of America has continued its partnership with other educators who are committed to providing programs of quality and to conducting their affairs with integrity. The Commission is confident that the school will take this responsibility seriously with consideration for the many other ACCSC-accredited institutions that have embraced accreditation as a means to enhance student learning and achieve educational goals.

The Commission expects that the school will adhere to the *Standards of Accreditation* on an on-going basis and as revisions are approved and disseminated. Please consult regularly the ACCSC website for updates, important due dates, initiatives, and special events planned for the benefit of the Commission's accredited institutions as well as instructions for the preparation and submission of the Annual Report, sustaining fees, and annual audit of the school's financial statements.

For further assistance or additional information, please contact Daniel Fitzgerald at 703.298.8300 or [dfitzgerald@accsc.org](mailto:dfitzgerald@accsc.org).

Sincerely,

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Encls.: ACCSC Approved Program Enclosure,  
ACCSC Certificate of Accreditation

<sup>1</sup> The Commission previously granted Gemological Institute of America renewal of accreditation for five (5) years effective February 2019. Therefore, the school's accreditation is effective for a period of five (5) years going forward from February 2024.

**ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**  
**APPROVED PROGRAM ENCLOSURE**

**GEMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA (SCHOOL #B001412)**  
**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

**AUGUST 14, 2024**

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC”) has approved the following programs to be included within the school’s scope of ACCSC accreditation:

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS	INSTRUCTIONAL CLOCK HOURS	AWARD	APPROVED MODALITY
Comprehensive CAD/CAM	210	Certificate	Residential
Graduate Colored Stones	570	Diploma	Residential
Graduate Diamonds	210	Diploma	Residential
Graduate Gemologist	780	Diploma	Residential
Jewelry Design	270	Certificate	Residential
Jewelry Design & Technology	780	Diploma	Residential

This information is current as of the date of this letter. Please refer to *Section IV, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* for the processes and procedures required for the addition or modification of program.





*The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges  
recognizes*

**Gemological Institute of America  
New York, New York**

*as an accredited institution.*

*The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges is listed by the  
U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Michale S. McComis'.

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Michale S. McComis, Ed.D. Executive Director

*February 2024 (5 years)*

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Effective Date

