



Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

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Kelly Yantzer
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School #M000397

Dear Ms. Yantzer:

At the May 2023 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 (“GIA”) located in Carlsbad, California. Upon review of the March 14, 2023 On-site Evaluation Report and the school’s response to that report, the Commission voted to grant GIA **Renewal of Accreditation**. The Commission’s action renews the school’s accreditation for a period of five (5) years going forward from February 2022.¹

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. GIA 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, GIA 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 Michelle Ragland at mragland@accsc.org.

Sincerely,

Michale S. McComis, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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Encls.: ACCSC Approved Program Enclosure
ACCSC Certificate of Accreditation

¹ The Commission previously granted GIA renewal of accreditation for six (6) years effective February 2016. Therefore, the school’s accreditation is effective for a period of five (5) years going forward from February 2022.



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ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
APPROVED PROGRAM ENCLOSURE

GEMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA (SCHOOL #M000397)
CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

MAY 23, 2023

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
Comprehensive CAD/CAM	210	Certificate
Graduate Diamonds	210	Diploma
Jewelry Design	270	Diploma
Graduate Colored Stones	570	Diploma
Graduate Gemologist	780	Diploma
Graduate Jeweler	780	Diploma
Jewelry Design & Technology	780	Diploma

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.

ACCSC

*The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
recognizes*

**Gemological Institute of America
Carlsbad, CA**

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.*



Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., Executive Director

February 2022 (5 years)

Effective Date

