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Ms. Vusala Aranjo
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Title IX Coordinator
Gemological Institute of America
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Dear Ms. Aranjo:

This letter is to confirm that the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission. GIA was first accredited in 1965. GIA's accreditation was renewed in January 2019.

GIA offers the following distance education programs, courses, and lab classes:

Programs	**Required eLearning and lab class components**	**Maximum time to complete**	**Number of lessons**
Graduate Gemologist	Diamond Essentials	3 months	7
	Diamonds and Diamond Grading	15 months	20
	Colored Stone Essentials	3 months	8
	Colored Stones	18 months	27
	Gem Identification	24 months	44
	Diamond Grading Lab	35 hours	Lecture / Lab Format
	Colored Stone Grading Lab	21 hours	Lecture / Lab Format
	Gem Identification Lab	35 hours	Lecture / Lab Format
	Colored Stone Essentials	3 months	8
	Gem Identification Lab	35 hours	Lecture/Lab Format
Total	**106 lessons and 91 lab hours**		

Graduate Diamonds	Diamond Essentials	3 months	8
	Diamonds and Diamond Grading	15 months	20
	Diamond Grading Lab	35 hours	Lecture/ lab format
Total	**27 lessons and 35 lab hours**		
Graduate Colored Stones	Colored Stone Essentials	3 months	8
	Colored Stones	18 months	27
	Gem Identification	24 months	44
	Colored Stone Grading Lab	21 hours	Lecture/ lab format
	Gem Identification Lab	35 hours	Lecture/ lab format
Total	**79 lessons and 56 lab hours**		
Graduate Pearls	Pearls	6 months	8
	Pearl Grading Lab	7 hours	Lecture/ lab format
Total	**8 lessons and 7 lab hours**		
Applied Jewelry Professional (AJP)	Jewelry Essentials	3 months	6
	Diamond Essentials	3 months	7
	Colored Stone Essentials	3 months	8
Total	**21 lessons**		

Courses	**Maximum time to complete**	**Number of lessons**
Colored Stone Essentials	3 months	8
Colored Stones	18 months	27
Diamond Essentials	3 months	7
Diamonds and Diamond Grading	15 months	20
Gem Identification	24 months	44
Jewelry Essentials	3 months	6
Pearls	6 months	8

Lab Classes	Maximum Time to Complete/ Clock Hours	Lesson Format
Diamond Grading Lab	35 hours	Lecture/ lab format
Colored Stone Grading Lab	21 hours	Lecture/ lab format
Gem Identification Lab	35 hours	Lecture/ lab format
Pearl Grading Lab	7 hours	Lecture/ lab format

The approved location is:
Gemological Institute of America
The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

GIA operates as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, and there are no owners.
Should you have any questions, please contact me at nan.ridgeway@deac.org or at 202-234-5100 extension 103.

Sincerely,

Nan Ridgeway

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Director of Accreditation

cc: Ms. Susan B. Johnson, Director, Global Education Compliance and Accreditation