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USU's Continuing Education for Health Professionals Earns Five-Year APA Accreditation

BETHESDA, Md. — As a provider of continuing education credits for six professional groups, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, or USU, Office of Continuing Health Education, or CHE, was awarded a five-year accreditation by the American Psychological Association, or APA.

The CHE serves the U.S. federal health care delivery system globally. It uniquely provides continuing education, or CE, credits for psychologists, physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists and health care executives.

This most recent five-year accreditation by the APA enables the university to continue awarding credits to psychologist participants at educational events. These credits are required for maintenance of licensure for the individual to practice in their respective state. The ability to provide CE credits is not only valued by the participants, but is widely recognized as a hallmark of a high-caliber educational institution.

“Although this accreditation is not rare, we are honored for this achievement,” said Sylvia Scherr, RN, director of Continuing Education for Health Professionals, CHE. “We are particularly proud of this achievement, because it follows on the heels of an exemplary accreditation for physicians and nurses of six years each.”

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The university educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies. Of the university's more than 4,200 physician alumni, the vast majority serve on active-duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere offering their leadership and expertise.

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