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RE: Program #0616

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years

Most Recent Site Visit: 09/2023

Dear Dr. McCaffrey:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the certificate and associate degree radiography program sponsored by Jefferson College. The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry. Specialized accreditation awarded by the JRCERT offers institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and by assuring the public of quality professional education in the radiologic sciences.

The continuing accreditation status of the program was considered at the April 19, 2024 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. The program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2021)**. The JRCERT awards:

PROBATION.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this accreditation action is not subject to appeal.

The maximum duration that may be awarded by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology in this category is eight years.

The JRCERT, after reviewing the findings of the site visit team and the program's response to the report of findings, has determined that the program is in non-compliance with **Standards One, Four, and Six:**

Objective 1.3 - Lack of assurance that the sponsoring institution and program have student recruitment and admission practices that are nondiscriminatory and consistent with published policies. (Provide assurance that the newly implemented admission process was used for the incoming cohort.)

Objective 4.2 - Lack of assurance that the program provides a well-structured curriculum that prepares students to practice in the professional discipline. (Provide assurance that clinical course objectives demonstrate progression as students advance through the program.)

Objective 4.4 - Lack of assurance that the program provides timely, equitable, and educationally valid clinical experiences for all students. (Provide assurance that clinical placement is solely determined by the program.)

Objective 4.7 - Lack of assurance that the program measures didactic, laboratory, and clinical courses in clock hours and/or credit hours through the use of a consistent formula. (Provide documentation that the changes to the credit hours were approved by the curriculum committee.)

Objective 6.4 - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation of the continued annual analysis of the program's student learning outcome data and sharing of results with its communities of interest.)

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with these objectives is required by **December 6, 2024**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management System (AMS) and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next available meeting after submission. Based on evaluation of the progress report, the Board of Directors will determine the appropriate accreditation action. An additional progress report may be required if the objectives are not adequately addressed.

The Committee based this decision on the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe allowed to document compliance with all accreditation standards. As required by the USDE and consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the program was to have documented compliance with the Standards by July 22, 2024. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the JRCERT Board of Directors has granted a 12-month good cause extension to the program's compliance timeframe. The board recognizes the change in key program personnel (i.e., program leadership) may have affected the program from documenting compliance with all accreditation standards. The program must now be in compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **July 22, 2025**. This is the maximum time that the Board will allow for the program to document progress towards and achievement of compliance with all accreditation standards. The program is advised that no additional extensions will be granted and that the Board may consider involuntary withdrawal of accreditation prior to expiration of the good cause extension.

As required by the USDE and consistent with the **maximum** compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, when the JRCERT Board of Directors determines that a program has failed to document compliance with the **Standards** and has not satisfactorily addressed the identified deficiencies, the existing accreditation status will be withdrawn. Such involuntary withdrawal of accreditation is considered an adverse accreditation action. The JRCERT defines an adverse action as involuntary withdrawal of accreditation. Involuntary withdrawal of accreditation will generally, but not necessarily, occur after a Probationary Accreditation status has been awarded. The board may take adverse action prior to the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe. Probationary status, as well as an adverse accreditation action, requires written notification to the United States Secretary of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, appropriate institutional and/or other accrediting agencies, and the public.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program must notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the public via a website posting, of this status within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The program is required to submit a representative sample of such notification and list of recipients to the JRCERT no later than **May 24, 2024**.

Additionally, the program must publish a copy of this award letter on its website.

As noted in JRCERT correspondence dated August 17, 2023, a current curriculum vitae documenting compliance with **Standard Three - Objective 3.2**, documentation of current ARRT registration or an unrestricted state license, and documentation of a master's degree must be submitted in support of the appointment of a qualified individual to the program director position no later than **August 16, 2024**.

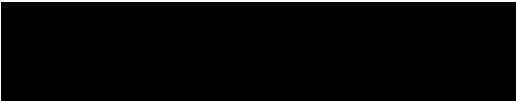
The program is advised to continue refinement of its assessment plan. Program officials are strongly encouraged to attend a JRCERT-sponsored Outcomes Assessment Workshop. A complete listing of dates and locations for all JRCERT-sponsored seminars and workshops is available at www.jrcert.org/events.

The program is also advised that consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.600, the JRCERT reserves the right to conduct unannounced site visits of accredited programs. The sponsoring institution would be responsible for the expenses of any onsite evaluation.

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The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff encourage you and the program faculty to continue your efforts in developing a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



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