

JRCERT Accreditation

90% of all educational programs in radiography and radiation therapy are accredited by the JRCERT.

What others are saying about the value of programmatic accreditation and the SYNERGY between JRCERT accreditation and institutional accreditation . . .

" . . . programmatic accreditations validate that Northwestern College's specialized and professional programs of study meet current essential standards for educational excellence within specific disciplines.

We recognize that, taken together, programmatic and institutional accreditation best ensure optimal opportunities for our students to achieve educational success.

*Furthermore, it is our experience that the evaluation processes and goals of programmatic and institutional accreditation **are**, in fact, mutually supportive of one another; this results in both valid student learning outcomes with rigorous standards of assessment and a higher benchmark of educational excellence to strive for and maintain."*

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"Programmatic accreditation is very important to our institution because it ensures the integrity of our program. It maintains that our program meets the appropriate standards for education of our students. Thank you for the support you continually provide to our program."

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For more than 40 years, the JRCERT has been dedicated to excellence in education and to quality and safety in patient care through the accreditation of educational programs in the radiologic sciences.

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The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) is the only organization recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to accredit educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry.

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Quality Health Care**
- **Patient Safety**

JRCERT Hallmark

JRCERT accreditation is the **hallmark** that tells students, patients, and the general public that you value academic excellence, quality health care, and patient safety.

The VALUE of programmatic accreditation by the JRCERT:

For Students - Assures that their chosen educational programs will provide the knowledge, skills, and professional values required to provide safe, high quality diagnostic and therapeutic radiologic services to patients.

Students: see inside for more reasons to consider a JRCERT-accredited program!

For Employers - Provides assurance that newly hired employees have completed a curriculum that covers the essential knowledge and skills required for today's fast-changing workplace.

For Educational Programs - Provides an external benchmark to assure programs are meeting minimum standards identified by the profession while countering any pressures to compromise program integrity; also, helps programs in attaining equitable access to institutional resources.

For the Profession - Assures that the profession maintains a consistent, minimum level of *didactic and clinical* education for all new practitioners.

For Patients - Assures patients that care provided by students will be appropriately supervised and that graduates will have the appropriate knowledge, skills, and professional values expected of a qualified practitioner.

JRCERT: Value Added to Your Educational Program

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology is a not-for-profit organization that sets standards for the education of professionals in the radiologic sciences and evaluates educational programs against those standards.

Approximately 750 radiologic sciences educational programs in the United States are accredited by the JRCERT. These program accreditations involve more than 7,300 clinical sites and 37,000 enrolled students!

JRCERT programmatic accreditation includes:

- Access to **ongoing consultation** by a professional staff with many years of experience in education and accreditation.
- Assessment and analysis of the effectiveness of your program including:
 - A comprehensive on-site visit by peer reviewers from the applicable radiologic science discipline who volunteer their time to assure educational quality.
 - Review and evaluation of your program by the JRCERT Board of Directors - volunteers from the profession who represent the key professional organizations: ACR, ASRT, AEIRS, AHRA, AAMD, and the general public.

Programmatic vs. regional accreditation . . . why regional accreditation is simply not enough.

Regional accrediting agencies that set standards for colleges and universities evaluate those institutions as a whole according to regional, not national standards. Regional accreditation is not intended to address some of the specific elements of programs in the radiologic sciences that are essential to assure the level of educational quality identified by the profession. Specifically, regional accreditation does *not* involve:

- Review of the clinical component of the educational program
- Verification of adherence to the recognized professional curriculum
- Evaluation of clinical faculty qualifications

What does JRCERT Accreditation Mean for Students?

Are you considering a career in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, or medical dosimetry? If so, you'll want to make sure you ask the question: "Is this program accredited by the JRCERT?" ... and here's why:

- **YOU will be eligible for employment in all 50 states** - in some states, **only** graduates of JRCERT-accredited programs are eligible for state licensure and employment.
- **YOU will not be excluded from employment opportunities** - many employers will hire **only** graduates of JRCERT-accredited programs.
- **YOU will be able to transfer all completed professional coursework to other JRCERT-accredited programs** - important if you relocate.
- **YOU will increase your eligibility for admission into modality-specific and/or higher degree programs in the radiologic sciences.**
- **YOU will enhance your eligibility for scholarships and other financial support from government and private agencies.**

The JRCERT is the only accreditor that sets standards to evaluate the clinical component of educational programs in the radiologic sciences.