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RE: Program #0267

Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 07/2023

Dear Dr. Illich:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the associate degree radiography program, which includes a distance delivery option, sponsored by Southeast Community 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 December 19, 2023 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:

ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

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, Two, Three, and Five:**

Objective 1.3 - The sponsoring institution and program have student recruitment and admission practices that are nondiscriminatory and consistent with published policies. (Provide documentation that program applicants with courses in progress were not reviewed for acceptance until the end of the spring term and after the submission of all application requirements.)

Objective 2.2 - The sponsoring institution provides the program with the physical resources needed to support the achievement of the program's mission. (Provide documentation of the completion of required laboratory hours for distance education radiography students for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters.)

Objective 3.3 - The sponsoring institution and program assure the responsibilities of faculty and clinical staff are delineated and performed. (Provide documentation that the laboratory responsibilities at the distance clinical education settings are being executed.)

Objective 3.4 - The sponsoring institution and program assure program faculty performance is evaluated and results are shared regularly to assure responsibilities are performed. (Provide completed clinical preceptor evaluations and documentation of the addressing of any areas of concern from the feedback, if applicable.)

Objective 5.1 - The program assures the radiation safety of students through the implementation of published policies and procedures. (Provide documentation that the program monitors and maintains actual student radiation exposure data.)

The program is advised that radiation monitoring reports must be maintained by the educational program for all enrolled students, and the data results must be shared within 30 days of receipt of the data.

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with these objectives is required by **May 31, 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.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the maximum compliance timeframe is 36 months. Based on the areas of non-compliance, the Board of Directors are awarding a 24-month compliance timeframe. Therefore, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **December 19, 2025**.

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.

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 on-site evaluation.

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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