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January 8, 2024

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RE: Program #0167

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 07/2023

Dear Dr. Friedman:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Bergen 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:

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 Three, Four, and Six:**

Objective 3.3 - Lack of assurance that the sponsoring institution and program assure the responsibilities of faculty and clinical staff are delineated and performed.

Objective 3.4 - Lack of assurance that the sponsoring institution and program assure program faculty performance is evaluated and results are shared regularly to assure responsibilities are performed.

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.

Objective 6.2 - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares its program effectiveness data to facilitate ongoing program improvement.

Objective 6.3 - Lack of assurance that the program has a systematic assessment plan that facilitates ongoing program improvement.

Objective 6.4 - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement.

Objective 6.5 - Lack of assurance that the program periodically reevaluates its assessment process to assure continuous program improvement.

The program is advised to update all program publications including, but not limited to, the recently revised student learning outcomes.

The program is also advised as referenced in JRCERT correspondence of July 20, 2023, the program must submit documentation in support of the appointment of a qualified individual to the program director position no later than **January 22, 2024**.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.500, the JRCERT has determined that program officials would benefit from a JRCERT-sponsored Outcomes Assessment Workshop. Documentation of the newly appointed program director and/or clinical coordinator's attendance at an Outcomes Assessment Workshop must be submitted no later than **December 19, 2024**. A complete listing of dates and locations for all JRCERT-sponsored seminars and workshops is available at www.jrcert.org/events.

The next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the First Quarter of 2025. The continuing accreditation materials will be forwarded to the program at a future date and will include a submission timetable.

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.

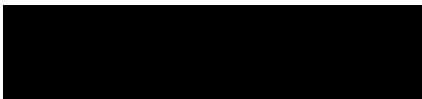
Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program must notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the public via a website posting, of this status within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The program is required to submit a representative sample of such notification and list of recipients to the JRCERT no later than **February 8, 2024**.

The program is further 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.

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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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