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Douglas Ekeren, FACHE  
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**RE: Program #3241**

**Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years**

**Most Recent Site Visit: 05/2017**

Dear Mr. Ekeren:

After review of the requested interim report, the continuing accreditation status of the certificate radiography program sponsored by Avera Sacred Heart Hospital was considered at the August 24, 2021 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). 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 program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2021)**. The program documents compliance with all relevant Standards; therefore, the JRCERT awards:

**MAINTENANCE OF ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS.**

The next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the Second Quarter of 2025.

The program is 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 congratulate you and the program faculty for maintaining the maximum award of accreditation from the JRCERT and wish you continuing success in your efforts to provide a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,

Julia L. Lasley, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(T)  
Chair

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