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Heidi Popham, Ed.D. President Georgia Northwestern Technical College 1 Maurice Culberson Dr. Rome, GA 30161

RE: Program #0457 Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years Most Recent Site Visit: 09/2021

Dear Dr. Popham:

After review of the requested additional progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Georgia Northwestern Technical College was considered at the September 12, 2023 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 now documents compliance with all relevant Standards; therefore, the JRCERT took the following action:

EXTENSION OF ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

This equates to an award of eight years of accreditation effective from the date of the most recent site visit.

An interim report will be required. The projected date for submission of the interim report is the Third Quarter of 2025. The JRCERT will provide program officials adequate notice of the due date for submission of the interim report. Based on the interim report, the JRCERT will determine if the accreditation award of eight years will be maintained or reduced, and the continuing accreditation process expedited.

Based on this extension, the next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the Third Quarter of 2029.

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.

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The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff congratulate you and the program faculty for achieving the maximum award of accreditation from the JRCERT and wish you continued 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,

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