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RE: Program #9031

Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years Most Recent Site Visit: 12/2019

Dear Dr. Woodward:

After review of the requested interim report, the continuing accreditation status of the master's degree magnetic resonance program sponsored by the University of Mississippi Medical Center was considered at the March 19, 2024 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 Magnetic Resonance (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 Fourth Quarter of 2027.

The program is advised that magnetic resonance (MR) policies should reflect that students are mandated to notify the program should their MR screening status changes.

The program is also advised to exclude pregnancy-related questions from the program's MR screening form, as disclosure of pregnancy by the student must be voluntary. Additionally, the declared pregnant student who continues to work in and around the MR environment should not remain within the MR scanner room or Zone IV during actual data acquisition or scanning.

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 congratulate you and the program faculty for maintaining 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,

Tracy Herrmann, Ph.D., R.T.(R), FAEIRS Chair

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