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Lawrence W. Schumacher, B.A.
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RE: Program #2350

Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years

Most Recent Site Visit: 05/2018

Dear President Schumacher:

After review of the requested interim report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program, which includes a distance delivery option, sponsored by Northwestern College was considered at the October 20, 2022 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 2026.

The program is advised to update the JRCERT logo that is utilized on the program's website.

As identified in JRCERT Correspondence dated July 28, 2022 and September 1, 2022, and consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, sponsors of radiologic sciences educational programs must be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or equivalent. It is noted that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has placed Northwestern College, the sponsor of the radiography program, on Probation. The program has documented that the areas in which the sponsor was found to be in noncompliance are not negatively affecting the educational quality of the radiography program. As previously advised, the JRCERT requests documentation of the HLC Board of Trustees' decision on the institution's status no later than **August 1, 2024**.

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.

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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 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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