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April 25, 2024

Liby Lentz, M.A. President Pima Medical Institute-San Antonio 40 N. Swan Road, Suite 100 Tucson, AZ 85711

**RE: Program #07002** 

Previous Accreditation Status: Pending
Most Recent Site Visit: 10/2023

Dear President Lentz:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the pending associate degree radiography program sponsored by Pima Medical Institute-San Antonio. 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 initial accreditation status of the program was considered at the April 19, 2024 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 program documents compliance with all relevant Standards; therefore, the JRCERT awards:

## INITIAL ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS.

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 three years.

The JRCERT Board of Directors continues to have significant concerns regarding clinical setting support and student clinical placement availability for the program. The program is advised that once its initial 2024 cohort graduates, the JRCERT will recognize the program's total capacity as 60.

Additionally, the program's updated <u>clinical summary report</u> identifies the clinical capacity availability for each recognized clinical setting. The program must provide timely, equitable, and educationally valid clinical experiences for all students.

The program's total capacity and clinical capacity availability will be further evaluated during the next onsite evaluation, tentatively scheduled for the Second Quarter of 2025.

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In compliance with the requirements of the United States Department of Education, programs must publicly disclose the length of the accreditation award and this award letter. Additionally, program publications must state that the program is accredited by the:

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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 onsite evaluation.

It is the responsibility of the program to provide a copy of this letter to appropriate personnel at the clinical settings.

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff wish you and the program faculty 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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