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RE: Program #0806

Previous Accreditation Status:	8 Years
Most Recent Site Visit:	07/2018

Dear President D'Emilio:

After review of the requested interim report and annual report, the continuing accreditation status of the baccalaureate degree radiation therapy program sponsored by Gwynedd Mercy University was considered at the December 13, 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 Radiation Therapy (2021)**. The JRCERT took the following action:

REDUCTION OF ACCREDITATION TO A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this accreditation action is not subject to appeal.

The Committee based this decision on the program's non-compliance with **Standard Six:**

Objective 6.1 - The program maintains the following program effectiveness data: Five-year average credentialing examination pass rate of not less than 75 percent at first attempt within six months of graduation.

The program's current five-year (2018-2022) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 71% (22/31).

The next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the First Quarter of 2024. The continuing accreditation materials will be forwarded to the program at a future date and will include a submission timetable.

The program is advised to publicize the length of accreditation on its website, as well as the program's graduation requirements.

The program is also advised to include in the magnetic resonance policy that students are mandated to notify the program should their screening status change.

The program is further advised to critically evaluate the student learning outcomes and measurement tools utilized in the outcomes assessment plan. For additional assistance in the refinement of the assessment plan, please contact Executive Associate Director Traci Lang, M.S.R.S., R.T.(R)(T), at tlang@jrcert.org

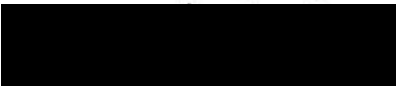
Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the maximum compliance timeframe has been increased from 24 to 36 months. Therefore, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **November 11, 2024**.

As required by the USDE and consistent with the **maximum** compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, when the JRCERT Board of Directors determines that a program has failed to document compliance with the **Standards** and has not satisfactorily addressed the identified deficiencies, the existing accreditation status will be withdrawn. Such involuntary withdrawal of accreditation is considered an adverse accreditation action. The JRCERT defines an adverse action as involuntary withdrawal of accreditation. Involuntary withdrawal of accreditation will generally, but not necessarily, occur after a Probationary Accreditation status has been awarded. The Board may take adverse action prior to the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe. Probationary status, as well as an adverse accreditation action, requires written notification to the United States Secretary of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, appropriate regional and/or other accrediting agencies, and the public.

The program is lastly 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 encourage you and the program faculty to continue your efforts in developing a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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