



Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology  
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**RE: Program #0445**

**Previous Accreditation Status: Probation  
Most Recent Site Visit: 09/15**

Dear President Akens:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Carrington College - Westside. The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) 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 continuing accreditation status of the program was considered at the February 16, 2016 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 (2014)**. Based on the failure to document compliance with the **Standards**, and in accordance with JRCERT Policy 10.200, the JRCERT took the following action:

**INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION.**

The Committee based this decision on areas of non-compliance with **Standards One, Three, and Five:**

**Objective 1.1** - Lack of assurance that the program adheres to high ethical standards in relation to students, faculty, and staff.

**Objective 1.2** - Lack of assurance that the program provides equitable learning opportunities for all students.

**Objective 1.3** - Lack of assurance that the program provides timely, appropriate, and educationally valid clinical experiences for each admitted student.

**Objective 3.8** - Lack of assurance that the program documents that the responsibilities of faculty and clinical staff are delineated and performed.

**Objective 5.4** - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data and program effectiveness data to foster continuous program improvement.

**Objective 5.5** - Lack of assurance that the program periodically evaluates its assessment plan to assure continuous program improvement.

This action is effective as of the date of this letter. Per JRCERT Policy 10.200, graduates of the program after this date are not considered graduates of a JRCERT-accredited program.

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The JRCERT recognizes the right of the program sponsor to appeal this action as outlined in JRCERT Policy 10.100 (enclosed). A written notice of appeal, signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the sponsoring institution, and non-refundable \$2,500.00 appeal fee must be received by the JRCERT within twenty (20) business days of receipt of this notification. Any submitted materials must include a concise rationale and documentation supporting the request for an appeal.

Pursuant to Policy 10.200, the JRCERT will notify the program's clinical settings of this action upon expiration of the appeal period.

The program is strongly encouraged to notify current students and applicants to the program of this action.

Finally, in the event that the program sponsor does not appeal this decision, USDE requirements state that the JRCERT must make available to the appropriate authorizing agencies and the general public, within (60) days, a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the JRCERT's decisions and any comments provided by the program. This summary will state that the decision was based upon the program's failure to demonstrate compliance with the applicable JRCERT Standards within the maximum timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400. Should you have any comments that you may wish to make with regard to that decision, please forward them to the JRCERT within twenty (20) business days of receipt of this notification. This action and any such comments will be posted on the JRCERT Web site.

Please return the certificate of accreditation for the sponsor and the certificates of recognition for the recognized clinical settings no later than **March 18, 2016**.

If the Committee or the CEO can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



Laura S. Aaron, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT  
Chair

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