



STANDARDS Revision Update

October 2015

As noted in our inaugural issue of the JRCERT PULSE, the JRCERT Board of Directors voted to open and begin a comprehensive revision of the current Standards for an Accredited Educational Program (2014) - Radiography, Radiation Therapy, Magnetic Resonance, and Medical Dosimetry. Numerous items played a role in this decision; however, the key rationale focused on issues surrounding programmatic outcomes and lack of clarity in Standard Five - Assessment. The unknowns of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, fallout from the collapse of Corinthian Colleges, planned Obama administration executive action on higher education accreditation, and ever-increasing student loan debt have all lead the general public to have an increased awareness of accreditation and an expectation that schools should be graduating students with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

The JRCERT remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence in education through the accreditation of radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry educational programs. Therefore, we have begun this lengthy revision process. We are currently developing thought-provoking surveys to scan the environment of the medical imaging and radiation oncology professions. Some exciting strategic initiatives will be included in these surveys to gauge the communities' interest in potentially different accreditation paradigms. We will keep you updated on the project timeline and the distribution of surveys in the near future. Our pledge is to provide a fully transparent process; thus, we have developed this page on our Web site to house all important documents and communications related to the project.

We look forward to your feedback and wish to thank you in advance for participating in this all-important standards revision project!

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As the initial step in the comprehensive revision of the current JRCERT Standards for an Accredited Educational Program (2014) – Radiography, Radiation Therapy, Magnetic Resonance, and Medical Dosimetry, the JRCERT has published to our programs a survey to assess the validity, reliability, and ease of interpretation of the current Standards and to identify potential issues and direction. You can find the Standards Revision Survey under the *Standards Revision* area on the Web site home page at www.jrcert.org or by [clicking here](#).

As part of the Standards revision process, the JRCERT will also be surveying other communities of interest, such as professional societies and agencies, to seek their input on the development of the new Standards.

We look forward to your feedback and wish to thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. Extensive input from our programs is critically important to the development of standards that truly reflect the goals and future direction of our profession.

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Greetings, the JRCERT Standards Committee would like to update you on the progress of the comprehensive Standards revision project as introduced in last fall's **Pulse** newsletter. Please remember that the JRCERT is dedicated to a transparent revision process and will be expanding our [Standards Revision Web site](#) with updates, survey results, and draft documents. Our [Standards Revision Project Timetable](#) indicates we are right on schedule with our survey distribution and with seeking input from professional organizations. We extended the timeline for the initial Programs & Faculty Survey until October 15, 2016 in an effort to gain more input and received a total of 485 responses. This survey was sent out to all program directors, clinical/educational coordinators, and faculty of accredited programs with the hope they would forward it to adjunct faculty, clinical faculty, deans, students, and other stakeholders. The Committee and JRCERT Staff are currently organizing this data to develop Draft 1, which will be reviewed at our April 2017 and October 2017 Standards Committee meetings.

During the past year, we've also sought salient information regarding the future of medical imaging and radiation therapy, including medical dosimetry, from the leaders of the certification agencies and professional societies to assist our committee in the development of all future draft standards documents. Once Draft 1 is made available, these agencies, as well as all other stakeholders, will have another opportunity to comment on the draft. Refer to our [Standards Revision Project – Stakeholder Engagement](#) document for more information on these agencies.

JRCERT CEO Leslie Winter and Executive Associate Director Jay Hicks will host Standards Revision presentations in conjunction with the 42nd [Association of Collegiate Educators in](#)

[Radiologic Technology \(ACERT\)](#) and the 20th [West Coast Educators Council \(WCEC\) Student-Educator-Radiographer Seminar](#) on January 26, 2017 and March 9, 2017, respectively. If you are attending the JRCERT Accreditation Seminar preceding these conferences, you will also have an opportunity to voice your input on the Standards revision project. [Click here](#) for JRCERT Accreditation Seminar registration information.

After the holidays, we will be sending another survey to our site visitors to seek their specific input in assessing the validity, reliability, and ease of interpretation of the current Standards through the lens of a volunteer peer reviewer.

Results of our initial survey should be posted to our Standards Revision Web page after the April 2017 committee meeting.

We welcome comments at any time, so if you were unable to respond to the initial survey, please feel free to send comments to Standards.Revision@jrcert.org. As always, we look forward to your continued input and to publishing the first draft of the Standards in fall 2017.

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[April 2017](#)

Greetings, the JRCERT Standards Committee would like to update you on the progress of the comprehensive Standards revision project. As previously indicated, we are dedicated to a transparent revision process and have updated the [Standards Revision Web page](#) with the results from our initial Programs & Faculty and Site Visitor surveys. Results, as published, are across all four modalities. We also gained input from multiple professional associations, individual emails, and interactions with you at national, regional, and state conferences. Thank you for your valuable input!

The committee held a virtual meeting in March and met face-to-face just prior to our April 20, 2017 board meeting to thoroughly vet all stakeholder input and begin work on Draft 1. Some interesting items that we are anxious to share include:

- Deletion of Standard Six – Institutional/Programmatic Data. The committee feels this information is redundant with information captured during the initial accreditation application and policy requirements for programs undergoing continuing accreditation,
- Subsume all supervision-related objectives into a single objective (Radiography Standard Four – Objectives 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6), and
- Deletion of Standard One – Objective 1.1 across all standards yet intertwining the spirit of this objective across multiple objectives.

The committee will be working feverishly during the next few months to prepare Draft 1 and release it for public comment in late summer or early fall. We are working hard to be ahead of our scheduled release date. You can review the complete timetable at our main Standards Revision Web page or by clicking [Standards Revision Project Timetable](#).

We welcome comments at any time, so if you were unable to respond to one of the initial surveys, please feel free to send comments to Standards.Revision@jrcert.org or look for a JRCERT representative at an upcoming conference.

I would like to thank Dr. Stephanie Eatmon, outgoing Standards Committee Chair and First Vice Chair of the JRCERT Board of Directors for her leadership and dedication to this most important charge. We will all carry the torch you lit!

As always, we look forward to your continued input and to publishing the first draft of the Standards in the near future.

Sincerely,



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The JRCERT Standards Revision Committee would like to update you on the progress of the project. The committee has worked diligently over the past six months to develop draft documents. The draft documents (Radiography, Radiation Therapy, Magnetic Resonance, and Medical Dosimetry) are currently being proofed and finalized, and we anticipate posting the documents on the [Standards Revision webpage](#) in December. The JRCERT will announce a call for comments via both surveys and email. If at any time you wish to comment, please feel free to email us at Standards.Revision@jrcert.org.

For more information regarding the Standards revision timetable, please visit the Standards revision webpage.

A major change from previous Standards is the development of Standards specific to the program's terminal award, i.e., degree or certificate. This will result in two Standards documents for each discipline. The draft documents include six Standards:

- Standard One: Accountability, Fair Practices, and Public Information
- Standard Two: Institutional Commitment and Resources
- Standard Three: Faculty and Staff (new)
- Standard Four: Curriculum and Academic Practices
- Standard Five: Health and Safety

- Standard Six: Programmatic Evaluation: Using Data for Sustained Improvement.

Other noteworthy proposals include:

- Three-year average credentialing examination pass rate of not less than 80 percent at first attempt within six months of graduation.
- Three-year average job placement rate of not less than 80 percent within twelve months of graduation.
- Three-year average program completion rate of not less than 80 percent within 150 percent of stated program length.
- Program completion rate is defined as the number of students who complete the program within 150 percent of the stated program length. The program specifies the entry point (e.g., required orientation date, final drop/add date, final date to drop with 100 percent tuition refund, official class roster date, etc.) used in calculating its completion rate. When considering the total number of students enrolled in the program (denominator), programs need not consider graduates who attrite due to non-academic reasons such as: 1) financial, medical/mental health, or family reasons, 2) military deployment, 3) a change in major/course of study, and/or 4) other reasons an institution may classify as a non-academic withdrawal.

JRCERT representatives will be facilitating Standards revision presentations at the following meetings in 2018:

- [Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology](#) (ACERT) 43rd ACERT Conference, Thursday, February 1, 2018, Las Vegas, NV.
- [Atlanta Society of Radiologic Technologist](#) (AtlSRT) 28th Student & Radiographer's Seminar & Educators Conference, March 3-6, 2018, Atlanta, GA.
- [Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists](#) (VSRT) Student, Educators, & Technologist Annual Seminar, April 5-7, 2018, Virginia Beach, VA.
- [Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists](#) (OSRT) Annual Meeting, April 5-8, 2018, Cincinnati, OH.
- [North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists](#) (NCSRT) Annual Conference, April 11-13, 2018, Asheville, NC.
- [Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences](#) (AEIRS), 2018 Annual Meeting, July 12-13, 2018, Charleston, SC.
- Other dates/locations to be determined – check the JRCERT website.

We look forward to your feedback and thank you for your continued support of programmatic accreditation.

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