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RE: Program #2246

Previous Accreditation Status: Probation
Most Recent Site Visit: 06/16

Dear Dr. Argyros:

After review of the additional progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the certificate radiography program sponsored by MedStar Washington Hospital Center was considered at the October 19, 2018 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 (2014)**. The JRCERT took the following action:

MAINTENANCE OF PROBATION.

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

The Committee based this decision on continuing concerns with the program's non-compliance with **Standard Five** and requests an additional progress report documenting compliance with the following objective:

Objective 5.2 - Lack of assurance that the program documents 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 (2014-2018) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 64% (30/47).

Additionally, the Committee based this decision on the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe allowed to document compliance with all accreditation standards. As required by the USDE and consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the program was to have documented compliance with the Standards by November 15, 2018. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the JRCERT Board of Directors has granted a twenty-four (24) month good cause extension to the program's compliance timeframe. The Board recognizes the change in key program personnel (i.e., program director) may have affected the program from documenting compliance with all accreditation standards. The program must now be in compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **November 15, 2020**. This is the maximum time that the Board will allow for the program to document progress towards and achievement of compliance with all accreditation standards. The program is advised that no additional extensions will be granted and that the Board may consider involuntary withdrawal of accreditation prior to expiration of the good cause extension.

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This additional progress report is required by **August 23, 2019**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS). Consideration of the progress report is projected for the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors following receipt and review of the submitted progress report. If the Committee finds this progress report acceptable, accreditation will be maintained, extended, or withdrawn. An additional progress report may be required if the objective is not adequately addressed.

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.

Probationary Accreditation is an accreditation category and, consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this action is not subject to appeal. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program must notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the general public via a Web site posting, of this status within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The program is required to submit a representative sample of such notification and list of recipients to the JRCERT no later than **November 23, 2018**.

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 inspection.

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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