



# Pulse

## A Publication of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology

### From the CEO

Greetings from chilly Chicago! The JRCERT Board of Directors has just completed its October 2017 meeting, October 19-20. As always, the Board of Directors discussed many important items regarding programmatic accreditation.

Please be sure to read the articles in this issue of the *Pulse* and review the [Summary of the October 2017 Board Meeting](#) to remain current on

the Board’s decisions that may affect your program. The Board Meeting Summary is also available on the newly redesigned JRCERT Web site at [www.jrcert.org](http://www.jrcert.org) under the Accreditation Information tab.

On behalf of the Board and staff, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season!



Leslie Winter, M.S., R.T.(R)  
Chief Executive Officer

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### Emergency Closings

The JRCERT continues to send our thoughts and prayers to the victims of the devastating hurricane season. With any natural disaster or unforeseen circumstances, we wish to assure

all our programs that we are available for programmatic guidance and assistance during strenuous times. The safety of program officials, students, and families are always of the utmost importance throughout these ordeals.

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 education programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry.

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## Standards Revision Update

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](mailto: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) 43<sup>rd</sup> ACERT Conference, Thursday, February 1, 2018, Las Vegas, NV.
- [Atlanta Society of Radiologic Technologist](#) (AtlSRT) 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sincerely,

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Standards Committee Chair  
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## New Web Site Launches!

On July 13, the JRCERT launched its redesigned Web site. The Web site has been given a facelift while maintaining the same important information that programs and students expect. It is also now more mobile-friendly and is easier to navigate on tablets and smart phones alike. Important information such as Standards documents and Site Visit forms are now accessible

from any page as direct links, eliminating the need to visit numerous subpages to find the document you are looking for. As with the previous Web site, program officials can log into the JRCERT Accreditation Management System (AMS Portal) by clicking the tab at the top of the Web site or under menu when visiting on a mobile device. Important information will scroll

on the home page and emergency announcements will be seen on a ribbon at the top of the page, if necessary.

If you have not already, please visit the new Web site and tell us what you think!

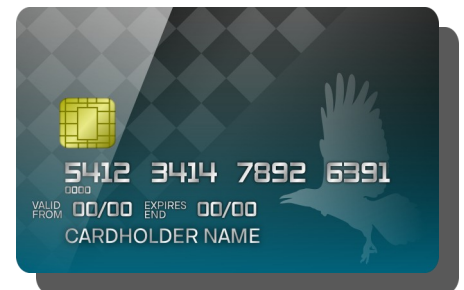
As with the previous version, the Web site was designed and created by [Back40 Design](#) with considerable consultation from JRCERT staff.

## Electronic Payments

With the implementation of the new JRCERT Web site, programs are now able to pay accreditation fees and workshop/seminar registrations online via credit card. Please note for workshops and seminars, the JRCERT only accepts online payment.

If paying accreditation fees online, click on the "Pay Online" tab at the bottom of any page. On the Pay Online page, please fill in all required information including the invoice

number. Please note that there is a 3.5 percent convenience fee that is automatically added to the payment amount. This fee is charged by the payment processor and is not collected by the JRCERT. If you have any questions about online payments, please contact Teresa Cruz, Finance Manager at [tcruz@jrcert.org](mailto:tcruz@jrcert.org) or Paul Luhn, IT Administrator at [pluhn@jrcert.org](mailto:pluhn@jrcert.org).





## Become a Site Visitor!

The JRCERT is always accepting applications to become a site visitor for all disciplines that the JRCERT accredits. Site visitors include program directors, clinical coordinators, faculty, deans, and clinical instructors. We are currently in need of site visitors that have experience in distance education or perform patient care at a minimum of eight hours a week. If you have ever thought of being a site visitor, please view the checklist and application to be

an apprentice site visitor found at <https://www.jrcert.org/visitors/become-a-site-visitor/>. The JRCERT thanks you for your consideration in support of programmatic accreditation. If you have any questions regarding site visitor requirements, please contact the office.

If you are a current JRCERT site visitor, you may now update your personal information such

as address, practitioner status, beneficiary information, etc., directly through the Accreditation Management System (AMS) portal. Please be sure to log into the AMS portal using your site visitor credentials.

## Preparing for the Site Visit

Whether you are a new or an experienced program director, preparing for a site visit is extremely important in assuring a successful visit. Program directors should contact the team chair no later than four weeks before the

site visit is scheduled to begin. Site visitors are typically on-site between 16 and 20 hours and must evaluate all aspects of a program. Team chairs may request the program have additional documentation to be available at the time of the site visit.

Program officials are encouraged to review the Site Visit Preparation Checklist in addition to the Site Visitor resources available on the JRCERT Web site for more information on the entire site visit process.

## Legislative and Regulatory Concerns at the State Level

Currently, there are several states with pending licensure bills affecting radiologic technologists according to the legislative and regulatory tracking tool provided on the ASRT Web site. Some of these state bills are mandating elimination of the Radiography Regulatory Boards. These boards monitor the practice of radiographers and

limited X-ray machine operators. Eliminating the boards and their regulation of radiologic technologists would jeopardize patients' health and safety. The JRCERT is dedicated to ensuring the quality and safety of patient care through the accreditation of educational programs in the radiologic sciences.

If your state has licensing and regulatory issues that impact our profession, please contact Accreditation Specialists Jacqueline Kralik, M.A.L., R.T.(R)(CT)(MR) at [jkralik@jrcert.org](mailto:jkralik@jrcert.org) and/or Brian Leonard, M.B.A., R.T.(R) at [bleonard@jrcert.org](mailto:bleonard@jrcert.org) to discuss what the JRCERT may be able to do to assist.

## Accreditation Quick Tips

### **Objective 6.6**

Programs are reminded that under Objective 6.6 – “Complies with requirements to achieve and maintain JRCERT accreditation,” programs are required to maintain a current and accurate database. In addition to program officials such as clinical coordinators, clinical instructors, and full-time faculty, this also includes the CEO and Dean from the sponsoring institution. Programs can add or edit this information through “Program Official Change Request” on the JRCERT Portal.

### **JRCERT Correspondence**

We have been notified that at times, programs are not receiving our correspondence. Programs are urged to check email/network settings to assure JRCERT correspondence is not identified as spam. To assure the JRCERT receives program correspondence, please refrain from sending large (over 15mb) attachments to [mail@jrcert.org](mailto:mail@jrcert.org), as these may not be received.

### **Updating Clinical Settings**

Programs are reminded to maintain current and accurate information about clinical settings in the portal. Clinical settings that have been approved or pending can be edited at any time. Information such as ARRT/MDCB Registration cards for clinical instructors, affiliation agreements, and accreditation documentation should be updated as necessary.



### **2016 Program Annual Report**

Programs with final graduation of students between January 1 and September 30, 2016 were to have their annual reports submitted by October 6, 2017. Programs with final graduation between October 1 and December 31, 2016 still have until January 19, 2018 to submit their annual report through the Accreditation Management System (AMS) portal.



## The JRCERT Welcomes New Programs

Congratulations and welcome to our newly accredited programs. Since the April 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors, three applicant programs have been awarded initial JRCERT accreditation. The sponsoring institutions and program officials are to be commended for their hard work and demonstrated high levels of professionalism:

### **Southern Regional Technical College - Thomasville**

Thomasville, GA  
Radiography

### **Santa Fe Community College**

Santa Fe, NM  
Radiography

### **University of Cincinnati**

Cincinnati, OH  
Magnetic Resonance



## Anniversary Celebrations!

In August, the JRCERT staff celebrated several very special anniversaries in 2017. Finance Manager Teresa Cruz commemorated her 35<sup>th</sup> year with the JRCERT and Executive Associate Director Jay Hicks, Administrative Assistant Janet Luczak, and Office Assistant Betty Matulewicz all marked their 10-year anniversaries. We thank them for their dedication to the organization!



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