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RE: Program #2029

Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years

Most Recent Site Visit: 08/2021

Dear Mr. Aduddell:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) conducted an unannounced site visit of the certificate radiography program sponsored by CHI-St. Vincent Infirmiry. 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 continuing accreditation status of the program was considered at the October 21, 2021 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 (2021)**. The JRCERT awards:

PROBATION

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

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

Objective 1.1 - Lack of assurance the sponsoring institution and program provide students, faculty, and the public with policies, procedures, and relevant information. Policies and procedures must be fair, equitably applied, and readily available.

Objective 2.1 - Lack of assurance the sponsoring institution provides appropriate administrative support and demonstrates a sound financial commitment to the program.

Objective 2.3 - Lack of assurance the sponsoring institution provides student resources.

Objective 3.3 - Lack of assurance the sponsoring institution and program assure the responsibilities of faculty and clinical staff are delineated and performed.

Objective 6.3 - Lack of assurance the program has a systematic assessment plan that facilitates ongoing program improvement.

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The next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the Fourth Quarter of 2022. The program will be required to complete a new application and Self-Study Report based on the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2021)**. The continuing accreditation materials will be forwarded to the program at a future date and will include a submission timetable.

Based upon the decision of non-compliance, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **October 21, 2023**. 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 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 29, 2021**.

The program is 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. Also, consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, programs with a probationary accreditation status cannot request a substantive change.

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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