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RE: Program #3321

Previous Accreditation Status: Probation
Most Recent Site Visit: 08/2017

Dear Dr. Alvoet:

After review of the requested progress report the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program, which includes a distance delivery option, sponsored by Baptist Health System School of Health Professions was considered at the February 22, 2022 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 (2021)**. 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 Six** and requests an additional progress report documenting compliance with the following objectives:

Objective 6.1 - Lack of assurance that the program maintains 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 (2017-2021) averaging credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 64% (35/55).

The program is advised that the Committee will consider a substantive change request as part of the program's action plan to document compliance with credentialing examination pass rates.

Objective 6.4 - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation that the program has analyzed the student learning outcome data.)

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 January 6, 2022. The JRCERT Board of Directors has granted a good cause extension to the program's compliance timeframe. Such an extension is generally 12 months but cannot exceed 24 months. The Board of Directors have granted a 12-month good cause extension to the program's compliance timeframe. The Board recognizes the change in key program personnel (i.e., program director, clinical coordinator, and faculty) may have affected the program from documenting compliance with all accreditation standards.

Therefore, an additional progress report documenting compliance with these objectives is required by **December 1, 2022**. Based on the evaluation of the progress report, the Board of Directors will either extend the compliance timeframe and maintain Probation or withdraw accreditation. An additional progress report may be required if the objectives are not adequately addressed. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS) and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next available meeting after submission.

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. In JRCERT correspondence dated December 28, 2021, the program's notice to currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the public via a website posting, of the program's probationary status was acknowledged.

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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