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**RE: Program #9029**

**Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years**

**Most Recent Site Visit: 03/2020**

Dear Dr. Pinto:

After review of the requested additional progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the certificate and baccalaureate degree magnetic resonance program sponsored by the University of Cincinnati was considered at the July 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 Magnetic Resonance (2021)**. The JRCERT awards:

**PROBATION.**

The Committee based this decision on areas of non-compliance with **Standard Six:**

**Objective 6.4** - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide assurance the program analyzes student learning outcome data to identify priorities to bring about systematic program improvement.)

Therefore, an additional progress report documenting compliance with this objective is required by **January 12, 2023**. 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. Based on evaluation of the progress report, the Board of Directors will maintain, extend, or withdraw accreditation. An additional progress report may be required if the objective is not adequately addressed.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the maximum compliance timeframe is 36 months. Based on the areas of non-compliance, the Board of Directors are extending the program's current 24-month compliance timeframe to a 36-month compliance timeframe. Therefore, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **September 15, 2023**.

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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 website 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 **August 26, 2022**.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.500, the JRCERT has determined that program officials would benefit from a JRCERT-sponsored Outcomes Assessment Workshop. Therefore, a progress report documenting the program director and clinical coordinator's attendance at an Outcomes Assessment Workshop must be submitted no later than **July 24, 2023**. A complete listing of dates and locations for all JRCERT-sponsored seminars and workshops is available at [www.jrcert.org/events](http://www.jrcert.org/events).

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 evaluation.

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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Chair

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