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RE: Program #0233

Previous Accreditation Status: Probation
Most Recent Site Visit: 04/2021

Dear Dr. Goodson:

After review of the additional requested progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Tulsa Community College was considered at the January 24, 2023 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:

**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 is advised that the JRCERT Board of Directors has denied the program's request to exclude the 2020 credentialing examination results from the program's five years of data. The program's current five-year (2018-2022) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 67% (76/113).

As required by the USDE and consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the program was to have documented compliance with the **Standards** by **January 21, 2023**. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400 and the progress made toward improving the program's credentialing examination pass rate, the JRCERT Board of Directors has granted an additional six months to the good cause extension to **July 21, 2023**. The program is advised that no further extensions will be granted. The program is also advised that the board may consider involuntary withdrawal of accreditation prior to the expiration of the good cause extension.

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The program is further advised that the JRCERT Board of Directors will involuntarily withdraw the program's accreditation at its **July 2023** board meeting.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program is required to notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the public via a website posting, of the program's continued probationary status. The program is required to submit a representative sample of such notification and list of recipients to the JRCERT no later than **March 2**, **2023**. Additionally, pursuant to JRCERT Policy 10.700, the program is also advised that students enrolled in the program should be immediately notified that those students who graduate after the effective date of withdrawal, are not considered graduates of a JRCERT accredited program.

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.

The program is lastly 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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Julia L. Lasley, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(T) Chair

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