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RE: Program #0309

**Previous Accreditation Status: Probation
Most Recent Site Visit: 05/14**

Dear Dr. Rodriguez:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) evaluated the associate degree radiography program sponsored by the Universidad Central Del Caribe. The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) 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 24, 2014 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 (2011)**. Based on the failure to document compliance with the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2011)**, and as required by the USDE and consistent with the maximum compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, the JRCERT took the following action:

INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION.

The Committee based this decision on the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe as identified in JRCERT correspondence of May 16, 2011, April 3, 2012, August 23, 2012, January 29, 2013, June 18, 2013, October 25, 2013, and areas of non-compliance with **Standards One** and **Five**:

Objective 1.10 - Lack of assurance that the program makes the program's mission statement, goals, and student learning outcomes readily available to students, faculty, administrators, and the general public.

Objective 5.1 - Lack of assurance that the program develops an assessment plan that, at a minimum, measures the program's student learning outcomes in relation to the following goals: clinical competence, critical thinking, professionalism, and communication skills.

Objective 5.2 - Lack of assurance that the program documents the following program effectiveness data:

Five-year average credentialing examination (state licensing examination) pass rate of not less than 75 percent at first attempt (for examinations taken within six months of graduation).

The program has documented a five-year average state licensing examination pass rate of 59% (54/91) for the period 2009-2013 which is below the 75% minimum established by the JRCERT Standards. It is noted the program has elected to utilize the Puerto Rico Examining Board results to document credentialing examination pass rates.

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This action is effective as of the date of this letter. Per JRCERT Policy 10.200, graduates of the program after this date are not considered graduates of a JRCERT- accredited program.

The JRCERT recognizes the right of the program sponsor to appeal this action as outlined in JRCERT Policy 10.100 (enclosed). A notice of appeal, signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the sponsoring institution, must be received by the JRCERT within twenty (20) business days of receipt of this notification. Any submitted materials must include a concise rationale and documentation supporting the request for an appeal.

Pursuant to Policy 10.200, the JRCERT will notify the program's clinical settings of this action upon expiration of the appeal period.

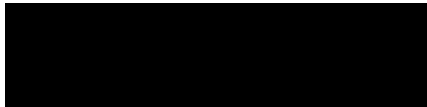
The program is strongly encouraged to notify current students and applicants to the program of this action.

Finally, in the event that the program sponsor does not appeal this decision, USDE requirements state that the JRCERT must make available to the appropriate authorizing agencies and the general public, within (60) days, a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the JRCERT's decisions and any comments provided by the program. This summary will state that the decision was based upon the program's failure to demonstrate compliance with the applicable JRCERT Standards within the maximum timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400. Should you have any comments that you may wish to make with regard to that decision, please forward them to the JRCERT within twenty (20) business days of receipt of this notification. This action and any such comments will be posted on the JRCERT Web site.

Please return the certificate of accreditation for the sponsor and the certificates of recognition for the recognized clinical settings no later than **December 5, 2014**.

If the Committee or the CEO can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



Debra J. Poelhuis, M.S., R.T.(R)(M)
Chair

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