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**RE: Program #0309**

**Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years**  
**Most Recent Site Visit: 10/08**  
**Agenda: R-J**

Dear Dr. Rodriguez:

After review of the requested progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by the Universidad Central Del Caribe was considered at the May 14, 2013 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) 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 (2011)**. The JRCERT awards:

**PROBATION**

The Committee based this decision on the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe for documenting the minimum credentialing examination pass rate as identified in JRCERT correspondence of May 16, 2011, April 3, 2012, August 23, 2012, and January 29, 2013.

The program has documented a five-year average credentialing examination pass rate (2008-2012) on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) examination of 32% and a five-year average pass rate (2008-2012) on the Puerto Rico Examining Board examination of 58%.

As required by the USDE and consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the program was to have documented compliance with the Standards by April 19, 2013. The program is scheduled for consideration at the October 2013 meeting and must document compliance with all relevant standards or the JRCERT will take the following action:

**INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION**

This withdrawal will be affirmed by the Committee at its October 2013 meeting unless the program provides evidence documenting compliance with the following objective of **Standard Five** or identifies mitigating circumstances hindering the attainment of this outcome.

**Objective 5.2** - Assures that the program documents the following program effectiveness data:

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

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Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with the aforementioned objective is required by **August 15, 2013**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management System (AMS). Consideration of the progress report is projected for the Committee's following scheduled meeting. Following receipt and evaluation of this progress report, the JRCERT will maintain, extend, or withdraw accreditation. An additional progress report may be required if any objective is not adequately addressed.


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 may 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. Probationary status, as well as an adverse accreditation action, requires written notification of 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 general 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 **June 20, 2013**.

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 us.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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