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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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RE: Program #0385
Previous Accreditation Status: 3 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 09/15

Dear Dr. Bambara:

After review of the requested progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Allegany College of Maryland was considered at the October 21, 2016 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 (2014)**. The JRCERT took the following action:

PROBATION.

The Committee based this decision on continuing concerns with the program's non-compliance with **Standard Five** and requests an additional progress report documenting compliance with the following objective:

Objective 5.2 - Documents 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. (Provide credentialing examination pass rate scores for graduating classes in 2016 and 2017. Additionally, provide five-year average credentialing examination pass rate for calendar years 2013-2017.)

As identified in JRCERT correspondence dated November 4, 2015 and April 14, 2016, the program is not in compliance with **Standard Five - Objective 5.2**. The program must document a five-year average credentialing examination pass rate of not less than 75% at first attempt for examinations taken within six months of graduation. The current five-year (2012-2016) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 69% (43/62).

This additional progress report is required by **September 1, 2017**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS). Consideration of the progress report is projected for the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors following receipt and review of the submitted progress report. If the Committee finds this progress report acceptable, accreditation will be maintained or extended. If the progress report does not successfully document compliance with the objectives by **April 8, 2018**, the JRCERT will take the following action:

INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION.

This withdrawal will be affirmed by the Committee at its April 2018 meeting unless the program provides evidence documenting compliance with the aforementioned objective or identifies mitigating circumstances hindering the attainment of these outcomes.

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As required by the United States Department of Education 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. 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.

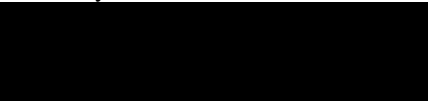
Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this action is not subject to appeal.

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 **December 1, 2016**.

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 inspection. Also, consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, programs with a probationary accreditation standing cannot request a substantive change.

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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