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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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RE: Program #0445

Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 03/14

Dear President Akens:

After review of the requested interim report and the unannounced site visit, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program, including the evening track, sponsored by Carrington College - Westside was considered at the July 1, 2014 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 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 areas of non-compliance with **Standards One, Three, Four, and Five:**

Objective 1.2 - Lack of assurance that the program provides equitable learning opportunities for all students.

Objective 1.3 - Lack of assurance that the program provides timely, appropriate, and educationally valid clinical experiences for each admitted student.

Objective 3.9 - Lack of assurance that the program evaluates program faculty and clinical instructor performance and shares evaluation results regularly to assure instructional responsibilities are performed.

Objective 4.3 - Lack of assurance that students employ proper radiation safety practices.

Objective 4.4 - Lack of assurance that medical imaging procedures are performed under the direct supervision of a qualified radiographer until a student achieves competency.

Objective 4.5 - Lack of assurance that medical imaging procedures are performed under the indirect supervision of a qualified radiographer after a student achieves competency.

Objective 4.6 - Lack of assurance that students are directly supervised by a qualified radiographer when repeating unsatisfactory images.

Objective 4.8 - Lack of assurance that students are oriented to clinical setting policies and procedures in regard to health and safety.

Objective 5.4 - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data and program effectiveness data to foster continuous program improvement.

Objective 5.5 - Lack of assurance that the program periodically evaluates its assessment plan to assure continuous program improvement.

The next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the Second Quarter of 2015. The program will be required to complete a new application and Self-Study Report based on the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2014)**. The continuing accreditation materials will be forwarded to the program at a future date and will include a submission timetable.

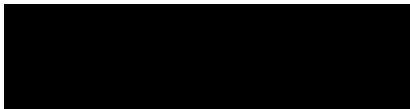
Based upon the decision of non-compliance, the program must document compliance with all relevant accreditation standards no later than **July 1, 2016**. As required by the USDE and consistent with the **maximum** compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, when the JRCERT Board of Directors 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 **August 8, 2014**.

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.

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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