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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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RE: Program #0485
Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 01/15

Dear Mr. Joy:

After review of the annual report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Fortis College - Baton Rouge was considered at the February 13, 2017 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 awards:

PROBATION.

The Committee based this decision on areas of non-compliance with **Standard Five:**

Objective 5.2 - Lack of assurance 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 within six months of graduation.

In its 2015 Annual Report, the program reported a five-year (2011-2015) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation as 68% (54/80). As identified in JRCERT correspondence of February 10, 2016 and January 19, 2017, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **February 10, 2018** or identify mitigating circumstances hindering the attainment of this outcome.

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with the above objective is required by **January 5, 2018**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management System (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, the JRCERT will maintain, extend, or withdraw accreditation. An additional progress report may be required if any objectives are not adequately addressed.

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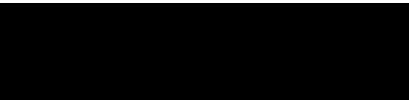
Probationary Accreditation is an accreditation category and, consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this action is not subject to appeal. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program must notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the general public via a Web site posting, 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 **March 16, 2017**.

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. 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 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. Also, consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, programs with a probationary accreditation status 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,



Laura S. Aaron, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT
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