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RE: Program #0534

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 02/2020

Dear Dr. Roberson:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) conducted an unannounced site visit of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Roxbury Community College. 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 continuing accreditation status of the program was considered at the June 30, 2020 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. The projected site visit for December 2020 will no longer be required. The program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2014)**. The JRCERT awards:

ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

The maximum duration that may be awarded by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology in this category is eight years.

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

The JRCERT, after reviewing the findings of the site visit team and the program's response to the report of findings, has determined that the program is in non-compliance with **Standards One, Three, Four, and Five:**

Objective 1.3 - Provides timely, appropriate, and educationally valid clinical experiences for each admitted student. (Provide assurance that first year students assigned to New England Baptist Hospital, Concentra Wilmington, and Mobile X are provided appropriate didactic knowledge prior to assignments and that the length of the assignments are educationally valid.)

Objective 3.2 - Provides a well-structured, competency-based curriculum that prepares students to practice in the professional discipline. (Provide documentation that the didactic and clinical component are well integrated. Provide documentation that program faculty follow current course syllabi.)

Objective 3.8 - Documents that the responsibilities of faculty and clinical staff are delineated and performed. provide assurance that the clinical coordinator is performing the responsibilities of the position. (Provide assurance that the program has oversight of student assignments within the clinical settings.)

Objective 3.9 - Evaluates program faculty and clinical instructor performance and shares evaluation results regularly to assure instructional responsibilities are performed. (Provide documentation that clinical instructors are evaluated to assure instructional responsibilities are being performed.)

Objective 4.3 - Assures that students employ proper radiation safety practices. (Provide documentation that students are appropriately screened for magnetic field or radiofrequency hazards prior to entering the clinical setting.)

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.

As identified in JRCERT correspondence of November 30, 2018 and December 2, 2019, 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 (2014-2018) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 65% (17/26).

Objective 5.4 - Analyzes and shares student learning outcome data and program effectiveness data to foster continuous program improvement.

Objective 5.5 - Periodically evaluates its assessment plan to assure continuous program improvement.

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with these objectives is required by **January 18, 2021**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS) and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next available meeting after submission. Based on evaluation of the progress report, the Board of Directors will maintain or extend accreditation to five years. An additional progress report may be required if the objectives are not adequately addressed.

Based upon thorough analysis of the program's documentation, history, and consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the JRCERT Board of Directors has granted a 19-month good cause extension to the program's compliance timeframe effective November 30, 2020. The Board perceives the pandemic and recent change in program director leadership have impacted the program's ability to fully comply with all accreditation standards; therefore, with the good cause extension, the program must now be in compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **June 30, 2022**. This is the maximum time that the Board will allow for the program to document progress towards and achievement of compliance with all accreditation standards. The program is also advised that no additional extensions will be granted.

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. The Board may take adverse action prior to the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe. 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 advised to continue refinement of its assessment plan. Program officials are strongly encouraged to attend a JRCERT-sponsored Accreditation Seminar and/or Outcomes Assessment Workshop. A complete listing of dates and locations for all JRCERT-sponsored seminars and workshops are available at www.jrcert.org/Calendar. The program is encouraged to review the outcomes assessment modules available under Programs & Faculty at www.jrcert.org. Additionally, you may contact accreditation specialist Brian Leonard at bleonard@jrcert.org to schedule an appointment for assistance in developing and/or refining the plan.

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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 evaluation.

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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