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April 25, 2024

Angelia Millender, M.A. President Century College 3300 Century Ave N White Bear Lake, MN 55110

RE: Program #0372

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years Most Recent Site Visit: 11/2023

Dear President Millender:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Century 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 April 19, 2024 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. The program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2021)**. The JRCERT awards:

PROBATION.

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

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

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 Three** and **Six:**

Objective 3.1 - The sponsoring institution provides an adequate number of faculty to meet all educational, accreditation, and administrative requirements. (Provide documentation that the open full-time faculty position has been filled.)

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with **Objective 3.1** is required by **August 9, 2024**.

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Objective 6.4 - The program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation that the program analyzes all student learning outcome data and that the data is shared with the program's communities of interest.)

Additionally, a progress report documenting compliance with **Objective 6.4** is required by **March 14, 2025**.

The Committee based this decision on the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe allowed to document compliance with all accreditation standards. As required by the USDE and consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the program was to have documented compliance with the Standards by August 23, 2024. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the JRCERT Board of Directors has granted a 12-month good cause extension to the program's compliance timeframe. The board recognizes the change in key program personnel (i.e., program director) may have affected the program from documenting compliance with all accreditation standards. The program must now be in compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **August 23, 2025**. 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 advised that no additional extensions will be granted and that the Board may consider involuntary withdrawal of accreditation prior to expiration of the good cause extension.

The progress reports must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management System (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 determine the appropriate accreditation action. An additional progress report may be required if the objectives are 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 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 institutional and/or other accrediting agencies, and the public.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program must notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the public via a website 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 **May 24, 2024**.

Additionally, the program must publish a copy of this award letter on its website.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.500, the JRCERT has determined that program officials would benefit from a JRCERT-sponsored Outcomes Assessment Workshop. Documentation of the program director and/or clinical coordinator's attendance at an Outcomes Assessment Workshop must be submitted no later than **April 19, 2025**. A complete listing of dates and locations for all JRCERT-sponsored seminars and workshops is available at www.jrcert.org/events.

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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 onsite 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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