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RE: Program #0082

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years

Most Recent Site Visit: 05/2022

Dear Dr. Pink:

After review of the requested additional progress report and the good cause extension request, i.e., extension to the compliance timeframe due to the change in key program personnel, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program, which includes a distance delivery option, sponsored by Ferris State University was considered at the October 18, 2024 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 (2021)**. The JRCERT took the following action:

**PROBATION
and
APPROVAL OF GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION DUE TO MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.**

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

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

Objective 6.4 - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation that the program fully analyzes and shares student learning outcome data with its communities of interest.)

Additionally, 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 October 20, 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 **October 20, 2025**. This is the maximum time the board will allow the program to document compliance with all accreditation standards.

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with this objective is required by **August 1, 2025**. The progress report 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.

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 probationary accreditation, any reduction in accreditation award that initiates a compliance timeframe, involuntary withdrawal, or withholding 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. 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 **November 22, 2024**.

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 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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