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RE: Program 0578

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 01/2023

Dear Dr. Zellet:

After review of the requested additional progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Antelope Valley College was considered at the August 1, 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) 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.

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

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

Objective 6.4 - The program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation that student learning outcome data is analyzed.)

The additional progress report is required by **June 20, 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 maintain or extend accreditation to eight years. An additional progress report may be required if the objective is not adequately addressed.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400 and based on the areas of noncompliance, the Board of Directors are maintaining the previously identified 24-month compliance timeframe. Therefore, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **July 25, 2025** or request a [good cause extension](#) identifying mitigating circumstances hindering the attainment of this outcome for consideration by the JRCERT Board of Directors.

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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.

As identified in the JRCERT award letter dated July 27, 2023, documentation of attendance at a JRCERT-sponsored Outcomes Assessment Workshop by the program director and/or clinical coordinator was to be provided no later than July 25, 2024. To date, such documentation has not been submitted. It is noted that the program director completed the Developing an Outcomes Assessment Plan e-learning course May 20, 2024; however, the mandatory associated Interpreting the JRCERT 2021 Standards e-learning course has not been completed. Therefore, the program director must register for the Interpreting the JRCERT 2021 Standards e-learning course starting September 9, 2024 or the clinical coordinator must register for both the Developing an Outcomes Assessment Plan e-learning course starting September 16, 2024 and the Interpreting the JRCERT 2021 Standards e-learning course starting September 9, 2024.

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 **September 9, 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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