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RE: Program #0559
Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 10/2021

Dear Dr. Hoggard:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Coastal Bend 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 February 22, 2022 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 (2014)**. The JRCERT awards:

ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE 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 **Standard Five - Objectives 5.2 and 5.4** of the 2014 **Standards**. Due to the transition to the 2021 **Standards**, the program is now in non-compliance with **Standard Six**:

Objective 6.1 - The program maintains 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

The program's current five-year (2017-2021) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 71% (48/68).

Objective 6.2 - The program analyzes and shares its program effectiveness data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide the program's action plan for the unmet credentialing examination pass rate.)

Objective 6.4 - The program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation that student learning outcome data has been analyzed and shared with communities of interest.)

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Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with these objectives is required by **December 1, 2022**. 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 eight years. An additional progress report may be required if the objectives are not adequately addressed.

Based upon the decision of non-compliance, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **February 22, 2024**. 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 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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Chair

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