



Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850
Chicago, IL 60606-3182
312.704.5300 • (Fax) 312.704.5304
www.jrcert.org

December 14, 2017

Cristobal Valdez, Ed.D.
President
Richland Community College
One College Park
Decatur, IL 62521

RE: Program #0609
Previous Accreditation Status: Initial 3 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 07/17

Dear Dr. Valdez:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Richland 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 December 12, 2017 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 EIGHT YEARS.

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

An interim report will be required. The projected date for submission of the interim report is the Third Quarter of 2021. The JRCERT will provide program officials adequate notice of the due date for submission of the interim report. Based on the interim report, the JRCERT will determine if the accreditation award of eight years will be maintained or reduced and the continuing accreditation process expedited.

If the accreditation award is maintained, the next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the Third Quarter of 2025.

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.

Cristobal Valdez, Ed.D.
December 14, 2017
Page 2

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff congratulate you and the program faculty for achieving the maximum award of accreditation from the JRCERT and wish you continuing success in your efforts to provide a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



Laura S. Aaron, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT
Chair

LSA/TBL/jm

copy: Program Director: Matthew S. Cardinal, M.Ed., R.T.(R)
Dean: Ellen Colbeck, Ed.M., R.T.(R)
Site Visitors: Starla L. Mason, M.S., R.T.(R)(QM)
Angela M. Sonnier, M.S.R.S., R.T.(R)