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**RE: Program #0561**

**Previous Accreditation Status: Probation**  
**Most Recent Site Visit: 11/2024**

Dear Dr. Heinrich:

After review of the requested progress report and the good cause extension request, i.e., extension to the compliance timeframe due to the change in key personnel, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Elgin Community College was considered at the August 29, 2025 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:

**MAINTENANCE OF 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 board based this decision on the program's non-compliance with **Standard Six** as identified in the JRCERT award letter dated June 16, 2025:

**Objective 6.4** - Lack of assurance that the program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation of the analysis of the program's student learning outcome data and sharing of the data with the program's communities of interest to garner feedback for continued program improvement.)

As previously identified, this progress report to document compliance with all accreditation standards is required by **October 2, 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.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, Procedure 11.406B, programs cannot request an increase in program/clinical capacity with a Probationary Accreditation or Administrative Probationary Accreditation status.

In addition, the board 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 19, 2025. 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. Such an extension is generally 12 months but cannot exceed 24 months. 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 29, 2026**. The program is advised that the board may consider involuntary withdrawal of accreditation prior to expiration of the good cause extension.

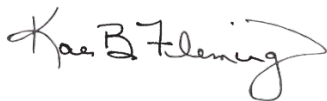
As required by the USDE and consistent with the maximum compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, when the JRCERT Board of Directors determines that a program has failed to document compliance with the Standards and has not satisfactorily addressed the identified deficiencies, the existing 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.

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

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 inspection.

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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