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RE: Program #0555

Previous Accreditation Status: Probation

Most Recent Site Visit: 02/2023

Dear Dr. Swayne:

The good cause extension request, i.e., to provide the sponsoring institution additional time to document compliance with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) accreditation standards, for the associate degree radiography program sponsored by North Idaho College was considered at the May 19, 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 continuing concerns with the program's non-compliance with **Standard One** and requests an additional progress report documenting compliance with the following objective:

Objective 1.7 - Lack of assurance that the sponsoring institution and program comply with the requirements to achieve and maintain JRCERT accreditation.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, sponsors of radiologic sciences educational programs must be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or equivalent. It is noted that the sponsoring institution must submit a Mid-Cycle Report to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) in Fall 2025 and that NWCCU will conduct a visit of the sponsoring institution in Fall 2025.

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with this objective is required by **November 13, 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.

The program's request for an increase in program total capacity from 16 to 20 is noted. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, programs with a Probationary Accreditation status may not request an increase in program/clinical capacity. Therefore, the program's request is denied until the sponsoring institution documents compliance with NWCCU's accreditation standards.

Additionally, 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 June 13, 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. The board recognizes the need for additional time for the sponsoring institution to document compliance with the NWCCU standards, 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 **June 13, 2026**. This is the maximum time the board will allow the program to document compliance with all accreditation standards.

The program is advised that no additional extensions will be granted and that the Board may consider involuntary withdrawal of accreditation prior to expiration of the good cause extension. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.200, Procedure 10.204B, upon involuntary withdrawal of accreditation, students enrolled in the program who graduate after the effective date of withdrawal are not considered graduates of a JRCERT-accredited program

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 students (this may be done via email), as well as the public via a website posting, of this status within 7 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 **June 3, 2025**.

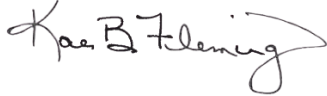
Additionally, the program must publish a copy of this award letter on its website.

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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kae B. Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kae" and last name "Fleming" clearly legible.

Kae B. Fleming, Ed.D., R.T.(R)
Chair

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Enc.

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