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May 21, 2024

Richard H. Hart, Dr.P.H. President Loma Linda University 11060 Anderson Street Megan Hall Room 111 Loma Linda, CA 92350

RE: Program #0769

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years Most Recent Site Visit: 11/2023

Dear Dr. Hart:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the baccalaureate degree radiation therapy program sponsored by Loma Linda University. 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 May 20, 2024 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 Radiation Therapy (2021)**. The JRCERT awards:

PROBATION and APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE, addition of an alternative learning option, distance delivery, effective May 20, 2024.

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 Six:**

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

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with this objective is required by **December 29, 2024**. 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. An additional progress report may be required if the objective is not adequately addressed.

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Based on the areas of non-compliance, the Board of Directors are maintaining the program's current 36-month compliance timeframe. Therefore, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **May 17, 2025** or identify mitigating circumstances hindering the attainment of this outcome.

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 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.

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 **June 21, 2024**.

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

The program is advised to continue refinement of its assessment process. This will be further evaluated at the time of the next program review (e.g., continuing application/self-study report and site visit). Program officials are strongly encouraged to attend a JRCERT-sponsored Outcomes Assessment Workshop. A complete listing of dates and locations for all JRCERT-sponsored seminars and workshops is available at www.jrcert.org/events.

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 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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