

Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology

JRCNMT News

Update Your Website

Newsletter Goals:

- Enhance communication between the JRCNMT and programs.
- Introduce the JRCNMT staff and Board of Directors.
- Demystify the accreditation process and the operations of the JRCNMT.
- Keep programs up-to-date on changes and other education news.

As part of the US Department of Education accreditor recognition criteria the JRCNMT must follow, we are required to routinely visit the websites of accredited and non-accredited programs to update URLs and ensure programs are advertising their accreditation status accurately. A few months ago it was noted that many of the program websites still listed the Montana JRCNMT contact information.

Please check your program's website and see if it needs updated regarding JRCNMT contact information. Prospective students often use this information to contact the JRCNMT for information so we want it to be accurate.

You are strongly encouraged to indicate on your program's website the accreditation status of your program. According to the Department of Education the

notation should include the current name, address, phone and email address of the JRCNMT.



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JRCNMT at SNM Annual Meeting

This year the JRCNMT will hold two sessions during the Educator's Forum at the SNM annual meeting in Toronto. The first session, the JRCNMT Open Forum, is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 from 3:00 to 3:50 pm.

This session will include announcements from the JRCNMT, a status report on the *Standards* update process and a Q&A session in which the Board plans to poll the audience about specific educational trends and issues. Board members and the executive director will be present to answer questions from the audience.

The second session entitled 'Accreditation 101' is for new program directors and those submitting a self-study or affiliate application in late 2009 or 2010. It runs from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. The SNM will publish meeting room numbers soon on its website.

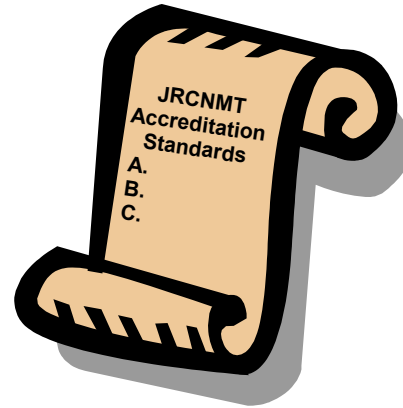
Jan Winn will review the accreditation timeline, application and self-study documents along with formatting and binding criteria and suggestions for mailing your submission. Helpful hints for completing the forms and obtaining supporting documentation will be provided.

Update of the *Essentials* & *Guidelines*

The revision of the *Essentials*, soon to be called *Standards*, continues to move forward. The Board wishes to thank those who took the time to respond to the call for input on Draft 1 last fall. That input was reviewed by the board last November and used to create Draft 2.

The call for public input on Draft 2 will be posted on the JRCNMT website and emailed to program directors during the second week of February. We hope you will review the proposed document carefully, provide comments and share it with your program and clinical colleagues so they may also respond.

The call for input will remain open for one month. The board will use the comments as a guide in creating Draft 3 at their spring board meeting in April. The board is hopeful the process will conclude with Draft 3 but that is yet to be seen.



Fillable Forms on Website

As a reminder, all self-study and affiliate application forms are available on the JRCNMT website. Required narratives are in MS Word with expandable boxes for your responses. Other documents are in fillable Adobe Acrobat forms.

There are now application and self-study manuals to guide you in writing and compiling each type of document or application. Please be sure to use the manuals since they contain time and effort-saving tips along with format requirements.

If you prefer to receive the documents on a CD please contact the JRCNMT office and one will be mailed to you.

Also remember to check the online Fee Schedule so that you can include the correct fee when submitting documentation to avoid a delay in processing.

As always, the JRCNMT staff is available to answer your questions via phone or email.

JRCNMT Forum

June 13, 2009

3:00 to 3:50 pm

Location TBA

Shared Clinical Affiliates

The board has noted an increasing number of programs sharing clinical affiliates with other NMT programs. The JRCNMT cannot prohibit the sharing of clinical affiliates between programs but it is obligated to ensure that all students are receiving a quality educational experience at the affiliate.

To maintain oversight in these situations the board created the *Letter of Agreement for a Shared Clinical Affiliate*. This document has the programs and affiliate put in writing when each program will use the site and how the total student capacity will be shared. The purpose is to protect students and the quality of their clinical education experience by ensuring the maximum capacity of the affiliate is never exceeded and all parties are communicating with one another.

To maintain accreditation compliance this document **must** be signed by the Program Director of each accredited school along with the Clinical Supervisor of the affiliate. The JRCNMT does not have the authority to make the director of a non-accredited program sign the document but hopes the person will do so in the best interest of the students.

If a program director prefers not to share an affiliate then he or she must speak with the clinical affiliate and ask them not to affiliate with an additional program. Legally it is the clinical organization that has the final decision to affiliate with more than one program. PD refusal to sign a sharing agreement does not prohibit sharing from occurring and may impact the non-signing program's ability to use the affiliate.

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Announcements

The JRCNMT recognizes the following program receiving initial accreditation at the November 2008 board meeting:

American Institute of Medical Technology
Tulsa, Oklahoma

2009 Board of Directors

The JRCNMT Board of Directors is comprised of two public members and three appointees from each of the following organizations: SNM, SNM-Technologist Section, American College of Radiology (ACR) and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

Public Members

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Reaccreditation 2009

The following programs are up for reaccreditation in 2009:

Baptist Health Little Rock, AR

VA Palo Alto, CA

Medical College of Georgia

University of Kansas Medical Center

Prince George's Community College, MD

University of Medicine & Dentistry New Jersey

Molloy College, NY

Kent State University-Salem, OH

Abington Memorial Hospital, PA

Chattanooga State Technical Community College, TN

Methodist Hospital, TN

St. Joseph's Hospital, WI

Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, WI

Q & A

How Does A Program Earn A 7-Year Accreditation Award?

Until the 1990's the JRCNMT maximum accreditation award was 5 years. To reward programs with a history of consecutive accreditation excellence, the JRCNMT Board approved a 7-year accreditation award. Programs having earned three consecutive 5-year awards with no significant findings at the site visits are eligible for a 7-year award at the time of their fourth reaccreditation assessment. Major changes in a program's faculty, curriculum and/or delivery method may necessitate return to a 5-year award.