

**JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY**

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Sent by USPS certified letter

Dear Dr. Poarch:

In 2018, the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) placed the nuclear medicine technology program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute on probation for one year due to ongoing deficiency in compliance with Standard D3.2. At its meeting on October 25, 2019, the JRCNMT voted to extend probation one additional year after reviewing the program's most recent aggregated pass rate for first-time examinees on the national certification examinations.

Standard D3.2 in the *Accreditation Standards for Nuclear Medicine Technologist Education* states that programs must maintain a minimum 80% pass rate over consecutive three-year periods for graduates on the national certification examinations. Following JRCNMT Policy 3.110 (enclosed), this program was initially placed on heightened monitoring in fall 2016 because the program's pass rate was below the threshold. Through annual and progress reports in the interim, the program reported changes that were implemented to improve the graduate pass rate but it remains below 80% after four years of monitoring. The program's aggregate pass rate for 2016-2018 is 71%.

JRCNMT Policy 3.110 (enclosed) was recently modified to shorten the monitoring cycle from five to four years in total length and utilize three-year pass rates. The JRCNMT is permitting programs such as this one, that were in the monitoring cycle at the time of the revision, to remain on the original five-year timeline.

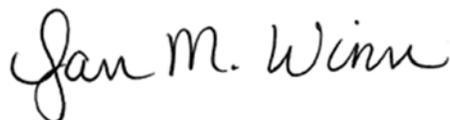
Per the timeline in the original policy, a program with a three-year aggregate pass rate below 80% for three consecutive years will be placed on probation. Probation is limited to two years though it may be extended, for good cause, following the JRCNMT's determination that the program has demonstrated a substantive effort toward achieving compliance with the standard. If the threshold is not met in 2020 the JRCNMT may withdraw the program's accreditation.

The highlighted section of JRCNMT policy 2.150 (enclosed) requires programs that have been placed on probation to advise current and prospective students of the program's probationary status on its web page and in publications. In addition, a program on probation may not add clinical affiliates or expand its student capacity until the probationary status has been removed, except when addition of clinical affiliates is necessary to address a cited deficiency. JRCNMT staff will review the program's web page on November 20, 2019 to ensure that the required information on probation in the enclosed policy remains posted.

The JRCNMT requests a progress report be submitted no later than **February 3, 2020** documenting the program's additional plans to address the ongoing deficiency in compliance with this standard. Certification exam reports for the period 2017-2019 should be included with the report.

Program officials should contact the JRCNMT office if they require assistance in preparing the progress report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan M. Winn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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