

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

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Dear Dr. Bullock:

At its fall 2020 meeting, the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) evaluated the nuclear medicine technology program at Community College of Allegheny County. After reviewing the self-study, letter of site visit findings, and the program's response to the letter of findings, the JRCNMT voted to continue the program's accreditation, with conditions, due to deficiencies in compliance with one or more accreditation standards.

The following deficiencies warrant attention and resolution to achieve full compliance with the *Accreditation Standards for Nuclear Medicine Technologist Education*:

Standard

D3.2 Programs will maintain at least an 80% pass rate over consecutive three-year periods for first-time examinees on the national certification examination(s).

The three-year pass rate is currently at 68% for the 2017-2019 period, which does not meet the 80% threshold in the standard. This is the second consecutive year that the program has been below the published threshold.

E1.1 Published information, including academic catalogs, web pages, brochures and advertising must accurately reflect the program offered.

Based on published admission criteria, a certificate track student could graduate and not be eligible to sit for the ARRT exam, though the online information regarding exam eligibility states all graduates are eligible for both exams.

On Monday, November 16, 2020 the JRCNMT announced a pause in the application of the heightened monitoring protocol for certification exam pass rate deficiencies. A copy of the announcement is enclosed. As a result of the pause, the nuclear medicine program at Community College of Allegheny County did not move to the next step in the protocol (probation) but remains on heightened monitoring for noncompliance with Standard D3.2 until new exam data is reviewed in fall 2021.

Although the process is paused, programs are still accountable and must submit a Progress Report addressing specific items related to the pass rate deficiency. A copy of the report outline is enclosed and a digital copy will be emailed to the program director within five business days of the date on this letter. The report must be submitted as an email attachment no later than **February 1, 2021**. The report will be reviewed by the JRCNMT at its spring 2021 meeting. Directors may accept the report if satisfactory or direct the program to submit a second report, with revisions, if the first is incomplete.

The JRCNMT requests a progress report be submitted no later than **August 1, 2021** documenting the manner in which Standard E1.1 has been resolved. After review of the progress report by the JRCNMT at their fall 2021 meeting, accreditation may be continued without conditions if the program has come into compliance with all standards. If deficiencies remain, continued accreditation may be deferred or the program may be placed on probation. With either of these actions a second progress report will be necessary.

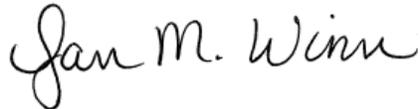
Based on the most recent clinical affiliate data from the evaluation process, the number of students participating in the clinical phase of the program shall not exceed 20. The following institutions are recognized affiliates of this program:

Affiliate	Location	Approved for This Program
Allegheny General Hospital*	Pittsburgh, PA	2
Allegheny Valley Hospital	Natrona Heights, PA	1
Butler Memorial Hospital	Butler, PA	2
Forbes Regional Hospital	Monroeville, PA	2
Grove City Medical Center	Grove City, PA	1
Heritage Valley Beaver*	Beaver, PA	1
Heritage Valley Kennedy*	McKees Rocks, PA	arr @ 1
Heritage Valley Sewickley	Sewickley, PA	1
Indiana Regional Medical Center	Indiana, PA	1
-IRMC/UPMC Hillman Cancer Ctr		arr @ 1
Jefferson Hospital	Jefferson Hills, PA	2
St. Clair Hospital*	Pittsburgh, PA	1
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital	Pittsburgh, PA	1
UPMC East Hospital*	Monroeville, PA	arr @ 1
UPMC McKeesport Hospital	McKeesport, PA	arr @ 1
UPMC Mercy Hospital*	Pittsburgh, PA	1
UPMC Monroeville Imaging Center*	Monroeville, PA	1
UPMC Passavant – Cranberry*	Cranberry Township, PA	arr @ 1
UPMC Passavant McCandless*	Pittsburgh, PA	1
UPMC Presbyterian Hospital*	Pittsburgh, PA	1
UPMC Shadyside Hospital*	Pittsburgh, PA	1
-UPMC Hillman Cancer Center		arr @ 1
<i>*shared affiliate</i>	Total program capacity	20

The program is accredited, with conditions, and this information will be made available to the public through the JRCNMT website and its publications.

The JRCNMT is confident that the program has the ability to come into full compliance with the *Standards*. Program officials should contact the JRCNMT office if they require assistance in preparing the progress report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan M. Winn".

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Executive Director

Encl: Announcement & Pass Rate Progress Report Outline

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