

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

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Dear Dr. Gow:

At its meeting on November 14, 2020, the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) evaluated the nuclear medicine technology program at University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. 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

C6d Supervised, competency-based clinical education shall include preparation, calculation, identification, administration (where permitted), and disposal of radiopharmaceuticals and the performance of radionuclide quality control procedures.

The program does not appear to maintain documentation that all students complete(d) a series of radiopharmacy competencies as required in this standard.

D3.3 Programs must have an Advisory Committee that includes each AES, along with any other members the program chooses to appoint. On an annual basis, the program shall hold a meeting to apprise the Committee of program issues and ask for feedback to improve the program's policies, procedures and curriculum...

The program does not hold an annual University of Wisconsin - La Crosse nuclear medicine program Advisory Committee meeting to apprise members of program issues and request feedback to improve program policies, procedures and curriculum.

E3.3 Radiation exposure records shall be reviewed with each student at regular intervals (not less than quarterly). Documentation of these reviews, including a dated acknowledgement by the student, must be maintained.

The program does not maintain documentation of student acknowledgement of regular reviews of radiation exposure records.

The JRCNMT requests a progress report be submitted no later than **February 1, 2021** documenting the manner in which each deficiency is being addressed or has been resolved. After review of the report by the JRCNMT at their spring 2021 meeting, accreditation may be continued 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.

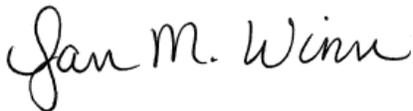
Based on the most recent clinical affiliate data from the evaluation process, the number of students participating in the clinical phase of the program shall not exceed 6. The following institutions are recognized as affiliates of this program:

Affiliate	Location	Capacity for This Program
East Bank Hospital – UMMC	Minneapolis, MN	2
Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center	La Crosse, WI	1
MHealth Fairview Clinic – Maple Grove	Maple Grove, MN	arr @ 1
University of Wisconsin Hospital	Madison, WI	3
Total program capacity		6

The program remains 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,



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