

## Status of Standards Revision

The JRCNMT would like to thank everyone that responded to the calls for public comment during the accreditation standards revision process. Input from a variety of stakeholders is vital to ensuring the standards address current nuclear medicine technology and higher education needs and issues.

After reviewing the public comments received on Draft 3, one major change and some minor grammatical updates were made, then the document was sent to the JRCNMT's four collaborating agencies (ACR, ASRT, SNMMI and SNMMI-TS) for their endorsement, as required by the JRCNMT bylaws. Endorsement is requested by March 1, 2017.

The major modification was made to Standard D3.3, regarding Advisory Committee meetings. The final version of this stan-

dard can be read in its entirety on the JRCNMT website on the Standards Revision page but in summary, it requires one Advisory Committee meeting per year, but it must be a live, interactive meeting held by conference call, webinar and/or in-person meeting. Hopefully programs will be pleased that two meetings are no longer required.

Assuming the JRCNMT receives endorsement of this version of the standards from a majority of the collaborating agencies, the document will be formally adopted by the JRCNMT. After adoption the standards will be published on the JRCNMT website and distributed to all program directors with notice of the effective date for compliance. The JRCNMT must give programs a minimum of one year for compliance but the effective date cannot be set until endorsement is received from the collaborating agencies. Please watch your email for information as the process progresses.

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## Welcome to New Programs

Though no new nuclear medicine technology programs have opened in the past few years, the JRCNMT has accredited several programs that previously operated under their academic institution's regional accreditation.

These programs include:

- Broward College North Campus (FL)
- Keiser University Lakeland Campus (FL)
- Loma Linda University (CA)

Manhattan College (NY)

University of New Mexico (NM)

There is one additional program in the process of seeking programmatic accreditation in 2017.



## Affiliate Applications

When preparing a new affiliate application, please contact the JRCNMT to request an invoice for the application fee when you begin preparation of the document. The application and payment will not arrive at the same time but it is preferable that they arrive within a few days or weeks of one another so the application does not sit at the JRCNMT for months awaiting review until the application fee arrives.

## 2017 Presentations

The JRCNMT will present its annual update during the Educators' Forum at the SNMMI Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Please watch the SNMMI website for additional information on the Educators' Forum. It's a great way to network with educator colleagues and learn new information pertinent to student education.

## Graduate Outcomes

This year Congress and the US Department of Education expanded their expectations of academic accrediting agencies in the area of consumer protection. Accreditors are expected to increase their oversight of the **accuracy** of outcomes programs provide to the public by obtaining as much of the information as possible from third-parties.

To ensure the accuracy of certification exam pass rates the JRCNMT had programs begin submitting this data via reports generated from the ARRT and NMCTB websites this past summer. Programs will continue to submit exam pass rate data using these reports in the future as part of their Annual Report.

Accreditors have also been tasked with ensuring the outcomes published on program websites are accurate. To ensure that programs correctly compute first-time examinee pass rates for a specific five-year period, as required in Standard E1.2, the JRCNMT distributed a handout on computation of certification exam pass

rates by email to all programs on December 9, 2016. The handout is also available on the JRCNMT website on the Compliance Assistance page under the Program Resources tab.

The handout also explains how the JRCNMT will provide each program with an annual graduate outcomes report that must be posted on its web page in early 2017. The JRCNMT report, a compilation of the data a program submitted in its five most recent annual reports, will reduce the amount of time programs spend tracking and generating this information. It will also provide consistency to the public in the format of this information on program web pages. Programs may continue to post additional program and graduate outcomes if they choose.

There have been rumblings on the national level of making programs prove the accuracy of their employment data but that would be a complex task that is not likely to come to fruition. The JRCNMT will continue to follow this discussion.



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**SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION SERVICES**

The JRCNMT is recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to accredit post-secondary nuclear medicine technology programs offering certificate, associate and baccalaureate degrees. Programs must be located in the territorial United States, its protectorates and possessions and may be offered in a traditional or distance education format.

## 2017 Accreditation Reviews

The programs listed below will be reviewed for initial or continued accreditation in 2017. Signed, written third party testimony may be submitted to the JRCNMT regarding any nuclear medicine technology program undergoing accreditation review. Persons desiring to present third-party oral testimony at a board meeting must submit a written request. Third-party testimony, written and oral, must be limited to the educational program's compliance with JRCNMT *Accreditation Standards for Nuclear Medicine Technologist Education*. Please contact the JRCNMT office if you have questions on third party testimony.

Augusta University	Augusta, GA
College of DuPage	Glen Ellyn, IL
Indiana University School of Medicine	Indianapolis, IN
Molloy College	Rockville Centre, NY
Stony Brook University*	Stony Brook, NY
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham, AL
University of North Carolina Hospitals	Chapel Hill, NC
University of Utah Health Care	Salt Lake City, UT

\*seeking initial accreditation