

**JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE
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Dear Dr. Eisler:

In 2021, the nuclear medicine technology program at Ferris State University underwent review for continued accreditation by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT). Analysis of the self-study and site visit demonstrated deficiencies in compliance with one or more accreditation standards, resulting in conditions being placed upon the program's accreditation in October 2021. Submission of a progress report this spring demonstrating that the program had come into compliance with the noted standards was necessary for conditions to be removed and accreditation continued.

The *Accreditation Standards for Nuclear Medicine Technologist Education (2017 ed.)* were utilized to evaluate the program's 2022 progress report. Based on the evidence provided in the report, the JRCNMT determined that the program is now in compliance with Standards A3.3 (Affiliation agreements), C3b (Anatomy and physiology prerequisites) and D2.1 (Program assessment processes). The JRCNMT accepted the report on April 8, 2022 and voted to continue the program's accreditation for six (6) years, which is the maximum period of time for which the program is eligible. The program's next review for continued accreditation will occur in 2028. A mid-cycle report must be submitted in 2025.

Notification of this decision will be forwarded to the institution's accrediting agency and the information will be made available to the public on the JRCNMT website.

Separate from the accreditation progress report was submission of a progress report on the program's graduate pass rate on the national certification examinations, which, for several years, has been below the 80% threshold set by the JRCNMT. Review of this report indicated the need for further analysis by the program. A revised report must be submitted no later than **August 1, 2022**.

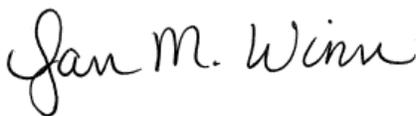
The following comments/questions were noted by the reviewers and should be used to guide revision of the original report:

- To address the low certification exam pass rate, the program indicated that it is raising the standard for passing some courses in the professional curriculum. With increased rigor, what measures will the program take to provide additional support so students can successfully complete those courses and the program?
- The report lacks information on whether the program's admission criteria has been closely evaluated to identify its impact on student success, in the program and on the certification exams.
- Graduates in 2019 were more successful in passing the national certification exam, yet there is no attempt to identify why that cohort had greater success and whether that information can be used to improve the success of future graduates.
- The report indicated there are no specific topic areas on the certification exams that consistently prove difficult for students within a cohort or between cohorts. Has the program considered that this may indicate a problem with the test-taking skills of graduates? Or could there be inconsistency in delivery of the curriculum from one year to the next (i.e., change in faculty)?
- The instrumentation section of the NMTCB exam appears to have had low scores over multiple years. Has the program sufficiently analyzed the current curriculum in this subject area to ensure that it correlates with the NMTCB exam's Components of Preparedness?

Please contact the JRCNMT office if there are questions regarding the revision and resubmission of the pass rate progress report.

The JRCNMT extends best wishes for continued success in the operation and on-going improvement of this educational program.

Sincerely,



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