

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

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Distributed by Email

Dear Dr. Simcox:

At its meeting on October 13, 2023, the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) evaluated the 2023 self-study and letter of site visit findings of the nuclear medicine technology program at Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences. Because deficiencies in compliance with accreditation standards were identified, the JRCNMT placed the program on accreditation with conditions.

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

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

*Curricular clock hours are inconsistent with the published program credit hours and inconsistent with the institution's Academic Credit Hour policy. Students currently complete at least one additional clock hour more per week in Nuclear Medicine Theory I and II courses than the institution's credit to clock hour ratio permits.*

- E3.3 Radiation exposure records shall be reviewed with each student at regular intervals (not less than quarterly).

*Student radiation dosimeter reports are inconsistently returned due to the vendor or clinical affiliates, resulting in inconsistent review and sign-off required by JRC Standards. Students, faculty and AES commented that particular students were several months/quarters behind in receiving readings.*

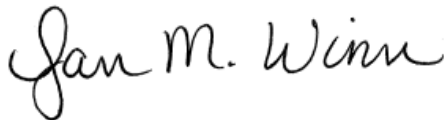
An assessment of all clinical affiliates during the review process determined that the program can accommodate 22 students in the clinical education portion of the program. The recognized affiliates and their respective student capacities are identified on the page attached to this letter.

Since compliance deficiencies were noted, the JRCNMT requests a progress report be submitted no later than **August 1, 2024** documenting the manner in which each cited deficiency is being addressed or has been resolved. After review of the report by the JRCNMT at their fall 2024 meeting, conditions may be removed and accreditation continued if the program has come into compliance with all standards. If deficiencies remain, continued accreditation may be deferred and conditions extended, or the program may be placed on probation. With either of these actions a second progress report will be necessary.

The program's accreditation status 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*. If program officials require assistance in preparing the progress report they should contact the JRCNMT office.

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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## Clinical Affiliates and Capacities

A program's student capacity is based on equipment, staffing levels and procedure volume at each clinical affiliate, as reported in the self-study or in newer documentation provided before or at the time of the site visit. An arranged clinical capacity, noted as "arr @", means students are assigned to the facility for a special-focus rotation of limited duration. Arranged capacities are not included in the calculation of a program's total clinical student capacity.

<b>Affiliate</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Cardinal Health	Hummelstown, PA	arr @ 2
Chester County Hospital	West Chester, PA	1
Diagnostic Imaging Services	Hagerstown, PA	arr @ 1
Lancaster General Health Suburban Pavilion	Lancaster, PA	3
Lancaster General Hospital	Lancaster, PA	3
Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest	Allentown, PA	3
Meritus Medical Center	Hagerstown, PA	1
Penn Radiology Fern Hill Campus	West Chester, PA	1
Penn State Hershey Medical Center	Hershey, PA	3
Penn State HMG Nyes Road Heart & Vascular	Harrisburg, PA	arr @ 1
St. Luke's Allentown Campus	Allentown, PA	1
St. Luke's Anderson Campus	Easton, PA	arr @ 1
St. Luke's North Medical Center	Bethlehem, PA	1
St. Luke's University Hospital Bethlehem	Bethlehem, PA	arr @ 1
WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital	Lebanon, PA	1
WellSpan York Hospital	York, PA	2
York Hospital Imaging Center	York, PA	2
<b>Total program capacity</b>		<b>22</b>

The program also has the following academic affiliates: Cedar Crest College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Millersville University and York College of Pennsylvania.