

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

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Distributed by Email

Dear Dr. Nicotera:

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 Houston Community College. 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*:

- C1 The program must create and follow a master educational plan for program delivery. The plan should contain sufficient detail to support program continuity when there are changes in faculty.

Although the program provided a binder with various program documents, the information did not satisfy the criteria identified in the standard.

- 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.

A review of dosimeter reports from 2019 – 2023 demonstrated inconsistencies which indicated that students are not reviewing their readings within the JRCNMT's required timeframe.

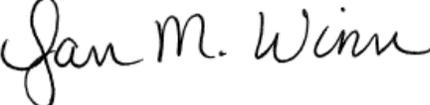
An assessment of all clinical affiliates during the review process determined that the program can accommodate 33 students in the clinical education portion of the program. The recognized affiliates and their respective student capacities are identified on the page attached to this letter.

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 demonstrated 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. Where clinical affiliates are shared with other educational programs, it is the responsibility of the program directors to ensure clinical assignments do not exceed the approved capacity at these affiliates.

Affiliate	Location	Approved Capacity
Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center	Houston, TX	2
Ben Taub Hospital	Houston, TX	4
Cardinal Health	Houston, TX	arr @ 2
Excel Diagnostic Nuclear Oncology Center	Houston, TX	1
HCA Houston Healthcare Medical Center	Houston, TX	1
HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	Cypress, TX	1
Houston Methodist Hospital at TMC - NM	Houston, TX	4
- nuclear cardiology		1
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	Sugar Land, TX	2
Lyndon B Johnson Hospital	Houston, TX	2
M. E. DeBakey VA Medical Center	Houston, TX	3
Memorial Hermann - Greater Heights Hospital	Houston, TX	1
Memorial Hermann - Memorial City Medical Ctr	Houston, TX	2
Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center	Houston, TX	1
Texas Children’s Hospital	Houston, TX	2
UT MD Anderson Medical Center (general/PET)	Houston, TX	6
Clinical capacity		33