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Josiah R. Bonner, Jr., B.A. President University of South Alabama 307 University Blvd. N., Rm 130 Mobile, AL 36688

RE: Program #0279

Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years Most Recent Site Visit: 06/2024

Dear President Bonner:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the baccalaureate degree radiography program, which includes a distance delivery option, sponsored by the University of South Alabama. The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry. Specialized accreditation awarded by the JRCERT offers institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and by assuring the public of quality professional education in the radiologic sciences.

The continuing accreditation status of the program was considered at the January 14, 2025 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. The program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2021)**. The program documents compliance with all relevant Standards; therefore, the JRCERT awards:

## ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS.

The maximum duration that may be awarded by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology in this category is eight years.

An interim report will be required. The projected date for submission of the interim report is the Second Quarter of 2028. The JRCERT will provide program officials adequate notice of the due date for submission of the interim report. Based on the interim report, the JRCERT will determine if the accreditation award of eight years will be maintained or reduced, and the continuing accreditation process expedited.

If the accreditation award is maintained, the next site visit is tentatively scheduled for the Second Quarter of 2032.

The program is advised to investigate opportunities to provide the program director with additional release time to ensure all accreditation and administrative requirements are met in a timely manner. The program is also advised to offer faculty additional professional development opportunities related to distance delivery methods to enhance distance delivery methodology and pedagogy prior to future course instruction. This will be further evaluated at the time of the next program review (e.g., interim report).

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The program is further advised that consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.600, the JRCERT reserves the right to conduct unannounced site visits of accredited programs. The sponsoring institution would be responsible for the expenses of any onsite evaluation.

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff congratulate you and the program faculty for achieving the maximum award of accreditation from the JRCERT and wish you continued success in your efforts to provide a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,

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