

U.S. Department of Education Staff Report

to the

Senior Department Official on Recognition Compliance Issues

Recommendation Page

1. **Agency:** Joint Review Committee On Education In Radiologic Technology (1957 / 2013)
(The dates provided are the date of initial listing as a recognized agency and the date of the agency's last grant of recognition.)
2. **Action Item:** Petition for Continued Recognition
3. **Current Scope of Recognition:** The accreditation of education programs in radiography, magnetic resonance, radiation therapy, and medical dosimetry, including those offered via distance education, at the certificate, associate, and baccalaureate levels.
4. **Requested Scope of Recognition:** Same as above.
5. **Date of Advisory Committee Meeting:** 02/22/2017
6. **Staff Recommendation:** Renew the agency's recognition for five years.
7. **Issues or Problems:** None

Executive Summary

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENCY

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT or the agency) is both a programmatic and institutional accrediting agency for radiography, magnetic resonance, radiation therapy, and medical dosimetry.

The agency was established as a joint effort of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) and the American Medical Association's Council on Medical Education and Hospitals. In 1976, these organizations delegated responsibility for allied health educational accreditation to the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), the umbrella agency that encompassed JRCERT. When CAHEA dissolved in 1994, JRCERT became an autonomous accrediting agency with responsibility for the accreditation of radiography and radiation therapy education programs.

The agency accredits programs of higher education that are based in hospitals and medical centers, and accreditation of those programs (technically, the hospitals and medical centers offering those programs) is a required element enabling them to establish eligibility to participate in programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, as amended (HEA). Consequently, the agency must meet the requirements under the separate and independent provisions of the Secretary's criteria, or must seek and receive a waiver of those requirements.

JRCERT currently accredits over 700 programs in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Of these programs, approximately 200 are housed in institutions not accredited by other national accrediting agencies recognized by the Secretary. Approximately 37 of these programs participate in the Title IV funding program.

Recognition History

The U.S. Commissioner of Education first recognized JRCERT in 1957 (in cooperation with CAHEA) for its accreditation of radiologic technologist programs. Recognition for its accreditation of radiation therapy technologist programs was extended in 1973. The addition of medical dosimetry occurred in 2006, and distance education was added in 2007. The agency has continued to receive renewal of recognition since that time.

The agency was last reviewed for renewal of recognition at the fall 2011 meeting of the NACIQI. Both Department staff and NACIQI recommended to the senior Department official to continue the agency's recognition and require it to come into compliance within 12 months, and submit a compliance report that demonstrates the agency's compliance with the issues cited in the staff report. The senior Department official, Assistant Secretary Eduardo Ochoa, concurred with the recommendations. The compliance report was reviewed and accepted by both Department staff and NACIQI at the fall 2013 meeting.

Since the agency's last review, the Department has received no complaints and no 3rd party comments.

In conjunction with agency's petition, Department staff reviewed the agency's supporting documentation and observed an on-site

evaluation in April 2016.

PART II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The agency meets the requirements of the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition.

PART III: THIRD PARTY COMMENTS

The Department did not receive any written third - party comments regarding this agency.