

Reading Hospital School Health Sciences Medical Imaging Program

MI 110 – Introduction to Medical Imaging
Unit 3 – Hospital and Educational Program
Accreditation
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Accreditation

Voluntary peer-review process through which an agency grants recognition to an institution for a program of study that meets specified criteria

- Programs must satisfactorily demonstrate compliance with educational standards developed by and for the profession
 - Set by the accrediting agency



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Accreditation of RT Programs

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)— (Est. 1969)

- Mission Statement:
 - Promotes excellence in education and elevates the quality and safety of patient care through the accreditation of educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry
- Vision Statement:
 - Assuring programs achieve excellence in education through programmatic accreditation
- Accrediting agency
- Grants recognition for programs that meet specified criteria
 - Essentials and Guidelines
 - Standards
- *Board of Directors* – Governing body
 - Meets regularly via phone or in person
- Students that graduate from an accredited program can sit for the national registry exam



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JRCERT Accreditation Process

- Application from the program
- Self study by the program according to the “standards” published by the JRCERT
- Site visiting conducted to verify the info in the self study
- Site visiting team submits a report to accrediting agency
- Report presented to the Board of Directors
- Vote on recommended accreditation status
 - Maximum initial accreditation is 3 years
 - Maximum continuing accreditation award is 8 years

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Additional Education Accreditation Organizations

- Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography



- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs



- Joint Review Committee on Education in Nuclear Medicine



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Benefits of Accreditation

► Students:

- Provides students assurance that the educational program will provide them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and values to competently perform the range of professional responsibilities expected by potential employers nationwide
- Assures students they will have the foundation knowledge to continue to develop as professionals in the various fields of the radiation sciences by requiring programs to teach the entire curriculum developed by the ASRT
- Assures that graduates can sit for the registry exam

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Benefits of Accreditation

► Patients:

- Assures patients that students who perform procedures have appropriate supervision during the educational process
- Also assures them that graduates will have met the minimum level of competency as defined nationally by the profession

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Accreditation of Hospitals



The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) (Founded-1951)

- Mission: To continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.
 - It offers inspection and accreditation of the quality of operations
 - Focuses on quality of care and safety
 - Recognized for symbol of quality of performance standards

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The Joint Commission: Survey Process

- On-Site survey by a Joint Commission survey team.
- Evaluation of organizations performance of functions and processes that they are aimed at continuously improving patient outcomes
 - Trace the care delivered to patients
 - Verbal and written information provided to The Joint Commission
 - On-Site observations and interviews by Joint Commission surveyors
 - Documents provided by the organization

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The Joint Commission: Standards

- Environment of Care
- Emergency Management
- Human Resources
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Information Management
- Leadership
- Life Safety
- Medication Management
- Medical Staff
- National Patient Safety Goals
- Nursing
- Performance Improvement
- Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services
- Record of Care, Treatment, and Services
- Rights and Responsibilities of the Individual
- Transplant Safety
- Waived Testing

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Joint Commission: Benefits of Accreditation

- Helps organize and strengthen patient safety efforts
- Strengthens community confidence in the quality and safety of care, treatment and services
- Provides a competitive edge in the marketplace
- Improves risk management and risk reduction
- May reduce liability insurance costs
- Provides education to improve business operations
- Provides professional advice and counsel, enhancing staff education
- Provides a customized, intensive review

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Joint Commission: Benefits of Accreditation

- Enhances staff recruitment and development
- Provides deeming authority for Medicare certification
- Recognized by insurers and other third parties
- Provides a framework for organizational structure and management
- May fulfill regulatory requirements in select states
- Provides practical tools to strengthen or maintain performance excellence
- Aligns health care organizations with one of the most recognized names in health care

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Joint Commission: Performance Improvement Dimensions

Efficacy- achieved outcomes

Appropriateness- relevant to clinical need

Availability- accessible

Timeliness- beneficial

Effectiveness- achieve desired outcomes

Continuity- activities and intervention coordinated

Safety- associated risks

Efficiency- relationship of outcomes & resources

Respect and caring- patient involvement