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DISCONTINUANCE OF RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governor's discontinue the Radiologist Assistant Studies Program, effective Fall term, 2018.

Background

The Radiologist Assistant Studies program has been in admissions moratorium since before December 2014, and the program's last student graduated in 2012. There are no current students in the program. With changes in credentials requirements for professional practice and without reimbursement from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Michigan, this program no longer qualifies graduates to gain employment in this field.

Program Description:

A radiologist assistant is an advanced-level radiologic technologist who enhances patient care by extending the capacity of the radiologist in the diagnostic imaging environment. The radiologist assistant is an ARRT-certified radiographer who has completed an advanced academic program encompassing a nationally recognized radiologist assistant curriculum and a radiologist directed clinical preceptorship. With radiologist supervision, the radiologist assistant performs fluoroscopy and selected radiology procedures, patient assessment, patient management and initial evaluation of diagnostic images, but does not provide an official interpretation (final written report) as defined by the ACR Standards for Communication: Diagnostic Radiology. The Master of Science in Radiologist Assistant Studies offered a Plan C master's program requiring successful completion of forty-eight credits in coursework over two full consecutive years or six consecutive semesters.

Approvals

The proposal to discontinue this degree program has been approved by the Department of Health Care Sciences, Health Sciences Division Curriculum Committee, Dean of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the New Programs and Program Review Committee of the Graduate Council, Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost.