January 21, 2020

Badran Alomar
President
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Dear President Alomar:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on January 16, 2020 to award initial accreditation to the Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic program at King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The recent peer review conducted by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoA EMSP) and CAAHEP’s Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next evaluation of the program is scheduled to occur no later than 2025.

The CoA EMSP will regularly monitor the program’s compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program’s Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

The following citation merits your institution’s attention and resolution in order to strengthen the program's compliance with the Standards (for a complete copy of the Standards, check the CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org, or call the office at 727-210-2350):

IV.A.2. Student and Graduate Evaluation/Assessment - Student Evaluation Documentation
a. Records of student evaluations must be maintained in sufficient detail to document learning progress and achievements, including all program required minimum competencies in all learning domains in the didactic, laboratory, clinical and field experience/internship phases of the program.

Rationale: Data is kept in multiple locations and it is unclear if all program required minimum competencies are met.

Post Site Visit Response: The program described how the program accurately tracks and documents each student successfully meets the required minimum numbers and provided summary tracking documentation. However, the tracking documentation demonstrated several graduates not achieving the program required minimum numbers. The program reported the next cohort is scheduled to graduate in December 2019.

Requested Documentation:
Submit a summary tracking documentation of the number of times the graduates have successfully performed each of the competencies according to patient age (including pediatric age subgroups), pathologies, complaint and interventions to demonstrate that the program required minimum numbers are being met. [Note: The response needs to include the actual tracking documentation of each graduate.] An example of summary tracking is available on the CoAEMSP website (see the “summary sheet” in the document at http://coaemsp.org/Documents/Patient_Encounters_Tracking_2_2013.xls).

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CAAHEP requests that a progress report, using the progress report template provided, be sent electronically to karen@coaemsp.org by March 01, 2020 indicating the manner in which this citation has been resolved.

Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citation above may result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

In order to comply with the need for public disclosure, CAAHEP publishes on its website the accreditation award letters and accreditation actions summaries. Award letters can be found within individual program listings in the “Find An Accredited Program” section of the CAAHEP website. Accreditation actions summaries include a list of actions taken at each meeting, including accreditation statuses awarded and dates of the next reviews/comprehensive evaluations. Summaries can be found by clicking the “Recent Accreditation Actions” link on the home page of the CAAHEP website.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, CoA EMSP, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Ambulance Association (AAA), American College of Cardiology (ACC), American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP), American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), and the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the CoA EMSP Executive Office.

Sincerely,

Glen Mayhew, DHSc, NRP
President

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