March 23, 2020

Martha Lavender, PhD, RN, FANN
President
Gadsden State Community College
1001 George Wallace Dr
Gadsden, AL 35903

Dear Dr. Lavender:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **March 20, 2020** to award **initial accreditation** to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography - General program at Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, AL.

The recent peer review conducted by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS) 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 JRC-DMS 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.).

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, JRC-DMS, American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF), American College of Radiology (ACR), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM), American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS), Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS), and Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation.

Sincerely,

Glen Mayhew, DHSc, NRP
President

cc: Deborah Curry, CRNP, DNP, Dean of Health Sciences
Rebecca Southern, MOL, RDMS, RVS, Program Director
Christopher Kramer, RDCS, RASE, Chair, JRC-DMS
Gerry Magat, Executive Director, JRC-DMS

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