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January 28, 2013

Tracy Rasmussen, RN, BA, MBA  
CEO, Mid America Cardiology  
University of Kansas Medical Center  
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Kansas City, KS 66160

Dear CEO Rasmussen:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **January 24, 2013** to award **continuing accreditation** to the **Diagnostic Medical Sonography program (cardiac concentration)** at University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS.

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 comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no **later than 2018.**

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.).

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cameron Harris'.

Cameron Harris, RPSGT  
President

cc: Karen Miller, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Vice Chancellor and Dean  
Mary Chivington, BS, RDCS, RVT, Program Director, Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
Daniel Breitkopf, MD, FACOG, Chair, JRC-DMS  
Cindy Weiland, RVT, RRT, Director of Accreditation, JRC-DMS

**Karen Miller**

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**From:** Caahep <accreditationletter=caahep.org@sendgrid.info> on behalf of CAAHEP <accreditationletter@caahep.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 1:04 PM  
**To:** Karen Miller  
**Subject:** CAAHEP Accreditation Award Letter  
**Attachments:** Award Letter.pdf



## Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Effective January 1, 2012, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is electronically distributing accreditation letters to the President/CEO, Dean/Administrator, and Program Director.

Attached is a letter for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography - Cardiac program, regarding Continuing status.

If you have any questions or have difficulty with the attachment, please contact Theresa Sisneros at [theresa@caahep.org](mailto:theresa@caahep.org).

Thank you!

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University of Kansas  
School of Allied Health Professions  
Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Program  
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Program Number: 110131

Dear Ms. Chivington:

The site visit report has been reviewed for the diagnostic medical sonography program sponsored by the University of Kansas, School of Allied Health Professions, located in Kansas City, KS. The program is in the comprehensive review process for the continuing evaluation of the cardiac concentration by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS).

The program was evaluated using the *Standards and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (2007)*. The following is a composite report developed from documentation submitted by the program and the site visit report submitted by the site visitors. Specific findings from the self-study and site visit review are provided.

**I. SPONSORSHIP**

Based on the findings of the site visit team, the program appeared to be in substantial compliance, at the time of the site visit, with the criteria in this section of the Standards.

**II. PROGRAM GOALS**

Based on the findings of the site visit team, the program appeared to be in substantial compliance, at the time of the site visit, with the criteria in this section of the Standards.

**III. RESOURCES**

The program appears to be non-compliant with the following Standard and is requested to provide additional narrative and documentation to demonstrate compliance.

**B. Personnel**

**4. Faculty and Instructional Staff**

**a. Didactic Instructor(s)**

**(2) Qualifications**

**The instructors must be individually qualified by education and experience, and be effective in teaching the subjects assigned.**

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The site visit team identified the following finding for Standard III.B.4.a.(2).:

- Zach Tyler teaches physics, Doppler, cardiac physiology and EKG, and is credentialed as an RVT but is not yet credentialed in cardiac. However Mr. Tyler does hold a Bachelor's degree in exercise physiology and by virtue of that degree, the Program Director believes he has the knowledge to teach those courses effectively.

Based on the findings of the site visit team, the program appeared to be in substantial compliance, at the time of the site visit, with the remaining criteria related to this section of the Standards.

#### **IV. STUDENT AND GRADUATE (OUTCOMES) EVALUATION/ ASSESSMENT**

Based on the findings of the site visit team, the program appeared to be in substantial compliance, at the time of the site visit, with the criteria in this section of the Standards.

#### **V. FAIR PRACTICES**

Based on the findings of the site visit team, the program appeared to be in substantial compliance, at the time of the site visit, with the criteria in this section of the Standards.

##### **Areas of Strength**

1. The administrative and operational synthesis that has been achieved between the University of Kansas and Mid-America Cardiology has allowed a strong cardiac sonography program to be developed and maintained.
2. The students benefit greatly from a complete curriculum, outstanding clinical sites and instructors, and the support of the Medical Director and his colleagues.
3. In general, the Program faculty meet the required qualification Standards; certainly the overall education provided by those faculty members is high-quality.

##### **Areas of Concern**

1. As noted above.

One copy in electronic format of the response to this report of findings, including the signature of the Chief Executive Officer of the sponsoring institution is required prior to October 1, 2012. The response should address the findings outlined in this letter and may also include comments regarding the site visit. We are aware that findings related to outcomes issues may not be fully resolved until additional information has been gathered however, the program must supply the dates by which this information will be available for submission. The institution and program are encouraged to share this report and its response with program faculty and institutional departmental officials of its clinical affiliates. Failure to submit the requested information by the due date given may result in a delay in the overall accreditation process.

If I can provide further information or clarification regarding this report, please contact the JRCDMS office at 443-973-3251 or [magat@jrcdms.org](mailto:magat@jrcdms.org).

Sincerely,



Cindy Weiland  
Executive Director

cc: Tracy Rasmussen, RN, BS, MBA, CEO, Mid America Cardiology  
Karen Miller, RN, PhD, FAAN, Senior Vice Chancellor and Dean  
Steven Owens, MD, Cardiologist, Director DCS Program