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## Committee on Accreditation

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#### **I. Introduction**

- A. The purpose of the Committee on Accreditation of ARMRIT is to ensure that MRI schools are in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards set forth by the ARMRIT Board.
- B. The MRI school must formally apply to ARMRIT for initial accreditation and a school site visit is scheduled. Subsequent school site visit is scheduled based on the accreditation cycle determined by the ARMRIT Board (one to five year cycle).
- C. The Committee on Accreditation will review the School Information Form (SIF) submitted by the school and schedule a site visit.
- D. The Committee on Accreditation will submit a report to the ARMRIT Board for final action on the accreditation application of the school.
- E. The Committee on Accreditation is a fact-finding body and will not make any decision on the school's accreditation status. Final decision on accreditation will be made only by the ARMRIT Board.
- F. The school must renew their continued accreditation status annually until the next site visit.

#### **II. Sponsoring School**

- A. The school must have a license in every state/country in which it operates that requires a license. If there is no state/country-required license, the school should submit an opinion letter from a lawyer stating that the operation of the school does not require a state/country license and is in compliance with state/country and local law and regulations.
- B. The school must be organized as an educational institution and offer the required didactic and clinical training.
- C. The school must provide the necessary scholarly environment and be committed to excellence in all aspects of the education of the students.

#### **III. Compliance with Accreditation Requirements**

- A. The school must be in substantial compliance with the Accreditation Standards as set forth by the ARMRIT Board.
- B. Failure to comply substantially with the Accreditation Standards may jeopardize the accreditation status of the school.

#### **IV. Commitment to the Education of Students**

- A. The school must be committed to the education of the students as exhibited by the provision of leadership, organizational structure, and resources.
- B. Such commitment includes the provision of an ethical, professional and educational environment to meet the curricular requirements of the school.
- C. The school must have a written statement of commitment to education that is signed and dated within two years of the accreditation review.
- D. The school must offer the requisite number of hours in both didactic and clinical training for graduation from the school.
- E. The school must provide sufficient resources for the education of the students which include classrooms, audio-visual equipment, laboratory and MRI clinical training affiliates.
- F. The school must have an MRI Clinical Site affiliation agreement with all clinical affiliates.
- G. Graduates must take the certifying examination offered by ARMRT within 6 months from graduation. Graduates must pass the examination in sufficient numbers to attest to the high standard of education of the school as established by a 3 years history of graduates.

#### **V. School Responsibilities for Students**

- A. The school must assure that all enrolled students are minimally high school graduates or possess a General Education Development (GED) certificate or equivalency.
- B. The school must not discriminate in the enrollment of students with regard to gender or sexual orientation, race, age, religion, color, national origin or disability.
- C. The school must provide students with fair and reasonable written policies and procedures for grievance and due process.
- D. The school must have written policies on student impairment, including that due to substance abuse.
- E. The school must have written policies covering sexual and other forms of harassment.
- F. There must be a written curriculum (course description, outlines and program brochures) distributed to the students.
- G. There must be an annual faculty evaluation of the school and the clinical affiliates.
- H. The school must maintain a Student Clinical Practicum Evaluation Form and Log Sheet for each student.

## **VI. Faculty**

- A. There must be an MRI Program Director responsible for the program. The Director must possess the requisite expertise as well as documented educational and administrative abilities for this position.
- B. There must be a sufficient number of faculty to address the education of the students. The faculty must be appropriately trained to provide the highest standard of education.

## **VII. School Site Visit**

- A. The Committee on Accreditation will schedule a site visit after a formal application from a school for an initial accreditation or when the cycle of accreditation is due (one to five year cycle).
- B. The Committee on Accreditation will schedule the site visit and inform the school approximately 4 months before the site visit.
- C. The site visit will consist of a review of the School Information Form (SIF), interview of the director, faculty and representative students, review of pertinent documents and a tour of the school facilities and MRI clinical affiliates.

## **VIII. Accreditation Results**

- A. The ARMIRIT Board in one of its quarterly meetings will decide on the accreditation status of the school based on the report of the Committee on Accreditation.
  - a. Initial Accreditation – this action is given to schools that request accreditation for the first time and are in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the ARMIRIT Board. This is for a two year period.
  - b. Continued Accreditation – this action is given to schools who continue to be in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the ARMIRIT Board. This is for a one to five year period.
  - c. Probationary accreditation – this action is given to schools that are found to have substantial areas of non-compliance with the accreditation standards of the ARMIRIT Board. This is for a one year period.
  - d. Withdrawal of accreditation – this action is given to schools who are in probationary accreditation and whose current citations have not been fully addressed or if new and major areas of non-compliance with the accreditation standards of the ARMIRIT Board are identified.
  - e. Voluntary withdrawal of accreditation – this action is given to schools who voluntarily withdraw their accreditation.
  - f. Administrative withdrawal of accreditation – this action is given to schools who fail to pay the accreditation fees.