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I. Policy

It is the policy of Bon Secours Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) to follow guidelines established by accreditation agencies and state requirements.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the agencies that SCHS is required to comply with for developing a Radiologic Technology (RAD) and Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program.

III. Scope

This policy applies to all RAD and DMS students enrolled in SCHS.

IV. Definitions

None

V. Policy Details

Program Development: The Southside College of Health Sciences, Radiologic Technology program has been developed based on requirements of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), current standards of education, current evaluation methods, student recommendations, and peer recommendations.

The Southside College of Health Sciences, Diagnostic Medical Sonography program has been developed based on requirements of The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP), in partnership with the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS), Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), current standards of education, current evaluation methods, student recommendations, and peer recommendations.

Program Assessment: Program officials for both the RAD and DMS programs constantly evaluate the processes and tools used in the education process. The program implements change as new recommendations/requirements develop or as areas of concern are identified. The program utilizes an assessment plan, and assessment schedule, a program effectiveness plan, a student planning committee, and an advisory committee to guide ongoing evaluation and improvement. Ongoing assessment is a critical element to maintaining accreditation. The program obtains feedback from communities of interest through advisory committee meetings, affiliate clinical site surveys, graduate surveys, and employer surveys. Student participation in program assessment takes place through course evaluations, clinical preceptor evaluations, student planning committee, and student surveys.

VI. Attachments

N/A

VII. Related Policies

None

VIII. Disclaimers

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) and any party. SCHS, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

IX. Version Control

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1.0	4/7/2022	New Template & Revisions	Program Coordinator
2.0	7/17/2023	New Template, New Numbering	DCRM
2.1	3/21/2025	New Template, Minor Changes	CDDAA