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ABHES BULLETIN

TO: ABHES-accredited Institutions
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FROM: Carol A. Moneymaker, Executive Director

SUBJECT: ABHES Achieves Recognition by The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

DATE: March 7, 2014

As announced at its recent Annual Business Meeting, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) is pleased to report that it has achieved recognition by The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), effective January 20, 2014, for the professional education component of the students' education. If not already recognized, radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, primary magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and primary sonography programs within ABHES-accredited institutions are now eligible to apply to ARRT for recognition. Once recognition is obtained, graduates may sit for the certification examination.

Effective January 1, 2013, ABHES adopted Radiologic Technology standards which are contained in Chapter VIII of the ABHES *Accreditation Manual*. These standards are designed for review of ABHES-accredited institutions which offer Radiologic Technology (full scope only) programs. While ABHES does not accredit radiologic technology programs at the programmatic level (as it does for medical assisting, medical laboratory technology, and surgical technology), these standards allow for program-level review within an institution's grant of accreditation.

Anyone taking an examination offered by ARRT and who graduates on or after January 1, 2015, must hold, at a minimum, an earned associate's degree. This two-year degree, along with successful completion of a program in one of the above-referenced academic disciplines, is necessary to be considered eligible for the ARRT-sponsored certification examinations. Alternatively, the individual must possess a two-year degree in one of the named academic disciplines from a postsecondary institution accredited by an agency recognized by ARRT.

ARRT may contact ABHES-accredited institutions as a courtesy to provide additional information on graduate credentialing. If you have specific questions regarding the ARRT certification process, please visit the ARRT website at www.artt.org. You may also contact ARRT directly at 651.687.0048, extension 8560, and inquire relative to 'initial certification' information. For ABHES-related questions, please contact Thomas J. Cornacchia at 703.917.9596 or at tcornacchia@abhes.org.

ABHES' goal is to provide opportunities for our institutional members and, most importantly, their graduates as these relate to ARRT recognition. Again, ABHES is extremely pleased to share this news.