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Amy Diaz, EdD  
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Dear Dr. Diaz:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) Board of Directors approved the 2020 Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Diagnostic Medical Sonography back in 2020, with an effective implementation date of September 1, 2021. As previously communicated by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS), and voted on by the CAAHEP Board on July 16, 2021, the General concentration is being discontinued and all programs currently accredited in the General concentration will be accredited in both the Abdominal – Extended and Obstetrics and Gynecology concentrations **effective September 1, 2021**.

Therefore, this letter confirms the **continuing accreditation** status of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Abdominal-Extended and Obstetrics and Gynecology programs at GateWay Community College-Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ. The next comprehensive evaluation of the programs, including a site review, is scheduled to occur no later than **2024**.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald A. Balasa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald Balasa, JD, MBA  
President

cc: Lora Timmons, MPH, Dean of Nursing and Healthcare  
Bryan Dodd, MEd, RDMS, RT(R), RVT, Program Director, Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
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