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Margaret Venable, PhD  
President  
Dalton State College  
650 College Drive  
Dalton, GA 30720

Dear President Venable:

Enclosed is the Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP) recommendation to the NAACLS Board of Directors concerning your Medical Laboratory Technician program's accreditation as decided at the July 16-17, 2015 meeting of the RCAP.

The RCAP recommendation is based on the continuing accreditation review process that included a site visit of your program in Spring 2015.

Provided that the Board of Directors concurs with the RCAP recommendation, accreditation for your program will continue until October 31, 2025. As a result, your program will commence the continuing accreditation process with submission of the Self-Study Report on October 1, 2024 and the scheduling of a site visit during Spring 2025. We provide this information to assist you in your program's administrative and financial planning.

This letter does not represent a formal accreditation award by NAACLS. NAACLS will notify you of that award after the next Board of Directors Meeting in September 2015.

Sincerely,



James L. Vossler, MS, MT(ASCP)SM  
Chair, RCAP

cc: Tyra D. Stalling, BS, MSHS, MT(ASCP), Program Director  
Gina Kertulis-Tartar, Dean

**THE FOLLOWING IS THE RCAP RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUR PROGRAM AS IT MAY APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION AWARD:**

The Medical Laboratory Technician Program of **Dalton State College** in Dalton, Georgia is recommended for Continuing Accreditation for **ten (10) years**.

A Year 5 Interim Report must be submitted to the NAACLS office no later than **October 1, 2019**. The Interim Report must include the following:

1. Summary of last five years of annual reporting
2. Narrative on how outcomes measures are analyzed and used in program assessment and continuous quality improvement of the program (outcomes measures that cannot be quantitatively analyzed are to be included in this narrative). The results of program outcomes measures and assessment must include findings from graduate and employer feedback and be:
  - Reflected in ongoing curriculum development, resource acquisition/allocation, and program modification.
  - Analyzed to demonstrate the effectiveness of any changes implemented.
3. Narrative describing how significant changes in annual reporting are handled, and how any actions taken as a result of the changes are used in program assessment and continuous quality improvement of the program.

Programs that are required to provide an Annual Report Action Plan as part of NAACLS' Annual Reporting process (refer to the *NAACLS Guide to Accreditation and Approval*) must submit additional required materials as part of the "Year 5 Interim Report".

*An unsatisfactory "Year 5 Interim Report" will result in a requested Progress Report within six to twelve months, possible probationary accreditation, and possible elimination of a ten year accreditation award after the next review.*

*Failure to submit the required report by the due date may result in Administrative Probation.*

Tyra D. Stalling, BS, MSHS, MT(ASCP) is recognized as Program Director.



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James L. Vossler, MS, MT(ASCP)SM  
Chair, RCAP



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Dianne M. Cearlock, PhD  
Chief Executive Officer

July 17, 2015