



May 23, 2016

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*All citations have been resolved;  
the accreditation status and next  
evaluation date remain in place.*

Dear Dr. Phillips:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **May 20, 2016** to award **continuing accreditation** to the Surgical Technology program at Pima Community College-Desert Vista Campus, Tucson, AZ.

The recent peer review conducted by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than **2026**.

The ARC/STSA 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.).

The following citation merits your institution's attention and resolution in order to strengthen the program's compliance with the Standards (for a complete copy of the Standards, check the CAAHEP website at [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org), or call the office at 727-210-2350):

**V.F. Fair Practices - Agreements**

**There must be a formal affiliation agreement or memorandum of understanding between the sponsor and all other entities that participate in the education of the students describing the relationship, roles, and responsibilities of the sponsor and that entity.**

The program submitted confirmation e-mails and affiliate agreement addendum documentation for Carondelet Health Network, Copper Queen Community Hospital, Tucson Medical Center, and University Medical Center.

The program did not submit complete clinical affiliation agreements for Carondelet Health Network, Copper Queen Community Hospital, Tucson Medical Center, and University Medical Center as requested.

*Please submit a current, signed and dated clinical affiliation agreement, articulation agreement or memorandum of understanding between the sponsoring institution and Carondelet Health Network, Copper Queen Community Hospital, Tucson Medical Center, and University Medical Center that is specific to the surgical technology program.*

CAAHEP requests that a progress report, including a copy of this findings letter, be sent to **Keith R. Orloff, CST, FAST, Executive Director, ARC/STSA, 6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite #110, Littleton, CO, 80120** by **July 1, 2016**, indicating the manner in which this citation has been resolved. The progress report, submitted as a single "seamless" electronic/digital document on a CD-ROM, DVD, or external drive [stick drive, thumb drive, USB drive, etc.] for documentation in excess of 20 pages, should be received by the ARC/STSA on or before close of business (4:30

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PM, Mountain) on the due date specified above. [Please note that submissions consisting of 20 pages or less can be submitted as a single PDF attachment via email sent to [info@arcstsa.org](mailto:info@arcstsa.org).]

Please note that the ARC/STSA does not accept documentation that includes confidential personal identification information [e.g. - Social Security numbers] or personal health information [PHI]. Please delete or black out all confidential personal identification information or confidential personal health information on documentation prior to submission. Documentation submitted with confidential personal identification information or personal health information will be returned to the program without ARC/STSA review.

Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citation above may result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, ARC/STSA, American College of Surgeons (ACS), and Association of Surgical Technologists (AST).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the ARC/STSA Executive Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas K. Skalko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'S'.

Thomas K. Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS  
President

cc: Brian Stewart, RN, MSN, Academic Dean  
Leann Williams, CST/CSFA, BA, Program Director, Surgical Technology  
Thomas "Van" Bates, BA, CST, President, ARC/STSA  
Keith Orloff, CST, FAST, Executive Director, ARC/STSA