FINANCIAL AID

The Program does not administer financial aid to students but rather relies on the academic institutions where students co-register to assure students qualify for and receive Federal Financial Aid.

Responsibility: Student, Program Director, Financial Aid Directors Standard: Tuition and Financial Aid JRCERT 2021 Radiography Standards: 2.3, 2.4 Veterans Affairs: Section 1018

The Program has an obligation to be in compliance with Federal and State Financial Aid requirements for co-registered students in the Program to be eligible to receive financial aid.

Regional West Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology offers federal financial assistance only through consortium agreements with Chadron State College, the University of Nebraska –Kearney, Western Nebraska Community College and Eastern Wyoming College.

University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) or Chadron State College (CSC) offer federal and state financial aid to students in the Program who are pursuing a bachelor's degree with UNK or CSC.

Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) and Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) offers federal and state financial aid to students in the Program who are pursuing an associate's degree with WNCC or EWC.

The Program has met the requirements for the G.I. Bill[®] that provides education benefits to veterans and their dependents.

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The Program satisfies the definition of an eligible institution and has been approved to grant in-school deferment of repayment of Federal Family Education Program Loans and Federal Direct Student Loans.

Federal regulations (Program Integrity Act 2010) require that the Program meet criteria in several areas to meet eligibility requirements so that students may obtain financial aid while in the Program:

- Holding programs accountable for preparing students for gainful employment through:
 - 1. Graduation rate and job placement disclosures
 - 2. Approval of additional programs prior to inception
- Ensuring that only eligible students receive federal funds through demonstration of:
 - 1. Legitimate high school diploma or equivalent
 - 2. Ability to benefit from the Program
 - 3. Satisfactory academic progress
- Protecting customers from misleading or overly aggressive recruiting practices and clarifying state oversight responsibilities by:
 - 1. Assuring no misrepresentation of the program
 - 2. Prohibition of incentive compensation
 - 3. Authorized to operate by the State
- Clarifying the courses that are eligible for federal aid, and the amount of aid that is appropriate such as:
 - 1. Identification of credit hour value for courses
 - 2. Written arrangement with affiliation members
 - 3. Retaking of course work is not included in determining full course load
 - 4. Determining when a student has withdrawn

The Program must also meet the requirements as identified for Private Postsecondary Career Schools and Veterans Education for the Nebraska Department of Education.

A program official will meet with all prospective students to discuss financial aid options prior to registration. Financial aid options to be discussed include but are not limited to:

Federal Financial Aid Availability through Co-Registration Scholarship Availability Veteran Benefits

For more information regarding loans and application paperwork, the student should contact the student's personal banking institution or the college's financial aid office where the student is co-registered.

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