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February 12, 2021

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Mr. Timothy Shizume  
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Dear Dr. Drummer:

The Commission, at its January 2021 meeting, reviewed your application for an initial grant of Medical Laboratory Technology programmatic accreditation, including the Self-Evaluation Report, the on-site visit reports, and the response to the reports. Based on review and discussion, the Commission acted to grant initial programmatic accreditation through **February 28, 2024**.

In determining the length of the grant, the Commission considered the overall evaluation process of the program, including that this is an initial grant. The grant length encourages the program's focus on maintaining compliance and reflection on improvements that can be achieved prior to the next comprehensive review.

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's December 11, 2020, guidance related to COVID-19 flexibilities, a limited in-person accreditation site visit to the institution is required. An ABHES representative will conduct the visit and will be in contact with you to provide notice of the schedule and other details once in-person visits have resumed. **We expect all visits to take place within 180 days following a declaration that the COVID-19 national emergency has ended.** Please visit [www.abhes.org](http://www.abhes.org) for Bulletins with updated information for applicant and accredited institutions and programs.

The following program is included in this grant of accreditation:

| <b>Program</b>                | <b>Total Clock Hours</b> | <b>Length in Weeks</b> | <b>Academic Credit Hours</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> quarter<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> semester | <b>Method of Delivery</b> | <b>Credential Awarded</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Medical Laboratory Technician | 1465                     | 75D/E                  | 63   | Residential               | Associate of Science      |

You are reminded to notify the ABHES office of any changes in program content, including total hours, courses, or credit hours in the current program or change in delivery method (e.g., residential to distance or vice versa) prior to implementation.

Please contact the ABHES office if you would like an electronic copy of ABHES logos. When publicizing your accredited status, you must use one of the statements as described in the *Accreditation Manual*.

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Accreditation by ABHES signifies that the program has met the eligibility criteria and evaluation standards of ABHES as evidenced during its most recent on-site review and continues to comply with the policies and procedures for maintenance of accreditation as established by ABHES.

As a reminder, continuous compliance is a requirement to maintain accreditation. The Commission can withdraw accreditation at any time if it determines that an institution is not complying with its policies or standards. **There is a maximum timeframe for required compliance (see Chapter III, Section C of the *Accreditation Manual*).** This includes instances where the retention, licensing, or employment rates fall below 70 percent as reported on the program's annual report or when the reported rates cannot be validated.

The U.S. Department of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, the appropriate accrediting agency, and the public have been notified of this action in compliance with 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 602.26 *et seq* and Chapter III of the *Accreditation Manual*.

Please use the **ABHES identification number** above on all correspondence sent to ABHES. If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact the ABHES office at (703) 917-9503.

Congratulations on achieving programmatic accreditation by ABHES!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "India Y. Tips". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

India Y. Tips  
Executive Director

Attachment: Certificate of Accreditation