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Dr. Gayathree Raman
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Dear Dr. Raman:

The Commission, at its January 2025 meeting, reviewed the record¹ of the institution's application for a renewed grant of institutional accreditation. Based on review and discussion, the Commission acted to grant accreditation through **February 28, 2031**. This grant of accreditation also includes programmatic recognition of the institution's Medical Assistant program as noted below.

The following programs are included in this grant of accreditation:

Program	Total Clock Hours	Length in Weeks	Academic Credit Hours*	Method of Delivery	Credential Awarded
			☐ quarter ☒ semester		
Dental Assistant**	720	32	33	Blended	Certificate
Medical Assistant	720	32	32	Blended	Certificate
Pharmacy Technician	600	32	25	Blended	Certificate

*Based on required academic conversions outlined in IV.G.1.a. of the *Accreditation Manual*.

**The Dental Assistant program complies with standards outlined in Chapter VIII- DA I of the *Accreditation Manual*.

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(s) or change in delivery method (e.g., residential to distance or vice versa) prior to implementation.

A certificate of accreditation is attached to this communication. Please contact the ABHES office if you would like an electronic copy of ABHES logos. When publicizing the institution's accredited status, you must use one of the statements described in the *Accreditation Manual*.

¹ The accreditation record includes the Application for Accreditation, May 2024 Self-Evaluation Report, August 2024 visit reports, the institution's October 2024 response to the visit reports, the institution's financial history, and other relevant correspondence and documentation.

Accreditation by ABHES signifies that the institution 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. 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. Institutions should consult the Commission's maximum timeframe for required compliance in III.C.1.b. of the *Accreditation Manual*.

The institution is reminded of its obligation under III.A.10.b. of the *Accreditation Manual* to submit audited financial statements to the Commission **within six months after the completion of its fiscal year end**. The audited financial statements must be emailed to financial@abhес.org. In addition, institutions that participate in a Federal Student Aid Program are required to comply with the reporting requirements under IV.D.2. of the *Accreditation Manual*.

ABHES is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, various credentialing bodies, and postsecondary institutions throughout the country, however accreditation does not guarantee Title IV or other financial aid eligibility, credentialing opportunities for graduates, or the ability to transfer credits to other institutions.

Disclosures

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 (301) 291-7550.

Congratulations on achieving accreditation by ABHES!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "India Y. Tips". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "India" and last name "Tips" clearly legible.

India Y. Tips
Executive Director

Attachment: Certificate of Accreditation