



May 24, 2021

Tracy Pierner, PhD
President
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Dear Dr. Pierner:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **May 21, 2021** to award **initial accreditation** to the Surgical Technology Associate Degree program at Blackhawk Technical College, Janesville, WI.

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 evaluation of the program 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.).

In order to comply with the need for public disclosure, CAAHEP publishes on its website the accreditation award letters and accreditation actions summaries. Award letters can be found within individual program listings in the "Find An Accredited Program" section of the CAAHEP website. Accreditation actions summaries include a list of actions taken at each meeting, including accreditation statuses awarded and dates of the next reviews/comprehensive evaluations. Summaries can be found by clicking the "Recent Accreditation Actions" link on the home page of the CAAHEP website.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Mayhew', written in a cursive style.

Glen Mayhew, DHSc, NRP
President

cc: Moira Lafayette, MA, Dean of Health and Public Safety
Jessica Donahue, AAS, CST, Program Director
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