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Tonjua Williams, PhD President St. Petersburg College 244 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Dear Dr. Williams:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its **November 17, 2023** decision to award **initial accreditation** to the Surgical Technology Associate Degree program at St. Petersburg College, Pinellas Park, FL. CAAHEP accreditation is awarded due to the program's demonstrated compliance with the Standards. The next evaluation of the program is scheduled to occur no later than **2028**.

The Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) conducts comprehensive and annual reviews of the program's compliance with the Standards and submits recommendations regarding accreditation status to CAAHEP. ARC/STSA monitors the program's outcomes through the program's annual report and supporting documentation (Standard IV.B.). Profession-specific CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines can be found on the website, <a href="https://www.caahep.org">www.caahep.org</a>.

CAAHEP publishes the accreditation award letters and accreditation actions summaries on its website. Award letters are accessible within the individual program listings in the "Find an Accredited Program" section of the CAAHEP website. CAAHEP categorizes programs according to the profession-specific Standards and Guidelines used to evaluate the program.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, ARC/STSA, American College of Surgeons, Association of Surgical Technologists, and National Surgical Assistant Association.

The commission recognizes your organization's commitment to continuous quality improvement in health professions education, as demonstrated by your participation in CAAHEP programmatic accreditation.

Sincerely,

Donald Balasa, JD, MBA

President

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