

## Augusta University Nuclear Medicine Technology Program Update

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The Nuclear medicine Technology Program at Augusta University will again be graduating a class of “14” on May 12, 2017. We are pleased to announce that of the fourteen who graduated in 2016, thirteen are employed in the Nuclear Medicine field and one will be attending PA school this fall. Currently, we have 7 students immersed in their second semester of the program and excited about their future. Of these seven, four are on the Augusta campus and three are enrolled in the distance learning program. We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2019 class and are pleased at the increase in applications from the previous year. The Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine will be holding their annual meeting the weekend of May 19-21, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. Our very own Krishnan Prabakaran (clinical coordinator distance program) is the GSNMT President and will be hosting the meeting this year. Several of our present and past program faculty will be presenting at the meeting which offers a robust 13 CE credits. Registration is open to all technologists and can be accessed at [gsnmt.org](http://gsnmt.org) In June of 2016, we submitted our self-study to the JRCNMT to begin the reaccreditation process for our program. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the JRCNMT site visitors conducted a comprehensive program and site review and informed us during the exit interview that “no” deficiencies were found during their visit. Dr. Gregory Passmore, program director of Nuclear Medicine Technology, was recently re-elected as a director on the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB). Our Nuclear Medicine Technology program was featured at the STEM Career Connections event held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Kroc Center in Augusta as part of National Nuclear Science Week, October 17-21, 2016. The event was an opportunity for local high school students to explore future careers in STEM related fields. There was an education day held on the 19<sup>th</sup> where Dr. Gregory Passmore along with several of the nuclear medicine students performed “hands on” demonstrations of radiation detection with Geiger counters and other related experiments. We hope to see some of them in a few years applying for our program!

