



Cox College ASR Program's Current Official Statement on the Alliance:

May 6th, 2024

We are pleased to announce the establishment of The Alliance for Healthcare Education, a collaborative initiative between CoxHealth, Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC), Missouri State (MSU), and Springfield Public Schools (SPS) dedicated to serving the healthcare education needs of the Southwest Missouri region. This partnership will continue to be developed over the coming years.

As part of the development of the Alliance, it has been recommended by our national accrediting body, the JRCERT, that Cox College's radiology program cease admitting cohorts following the August 2024 intake. Consequently, a teach-out process for the Cox College-named program will commence in alignment with this directive.

While the Cox College name will be phased out, opportunities for radiology education and degrees will continue within the Alliance. Future program options, expected to commence in the fall 2025 pending approval from national accrediting bodies.

I assure you that student learning and clinical education at Cox College will remain unaffected during this transition period. Faculty continuity, existing resources, and student services will be maintained throughout the teach-out process, ensuring a seamless experience for Cox College students.

All current clinical affiliation agreements, preceptor arrangements, consortium agreements with MSU, and other contractual obligations will remain intact during the teach-out phase.

Students considering withdrawal from the program should be aware of potential changes to graduation requirements upon re-enrollment. Contingency plans are being developed to address such scenarios.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience to prospective students who were aiming to begin their program of study in January 2025. Alternative options within the region for this fall, including programs at Southwest Baptist University, Missouri Southern, State Fair Community College, and North Arkansas College, remain available.

For those able to delay enrollment until fall 2025, to enroll in Alliance affiliated programs, we advise continued pursuit of prerequisite coursework. It is important to note a forthcoming change regarding prerequisites within The Alliance-affiliated programs, a political science, government, or history equivalent course will be required in lieu of the current Intro to Computers course.

Students who have completed prerequisites and face no further coursework requirements are encouraged to explore options for loan deferment, should they choose to postpone enrollment.

I am honored to assume the role of program director for the radiology program at Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) as of March 7th, 2024. Rest assured, my involvement with the Cox College program will persist throughout the teach-out period.

Please be advised that the information provided herein is subject to change as deadlines, accreditation guidelines, and The Alliance's development progress. Should you have any inquiries, do not hesitate to contact me at daniel.edwards@coxcollege.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. J. Edwards', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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