



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (EXAM-BASED PROGRAM OUTCOMES)

Here are the answers to the most-asked questions about the CoARC's policy changes involving the CRT, RRT, and CWRRTSAE (Comp Secure SAE) outcomes:

What effect does the recent decision by the CoARC Board to use the CRT exam as its measure of exam-based program outcome have on CRT credentialing success reporting requirements?

There have been no changes to the CRT outcome threshold- it remains at 80%. All programs will continue to be evaluated based on CRT credentialing success, which is the percentage of graduates earning the NBRC's CRT credential (applicable to all graduates of accredited educational programs in Respiratory Care as well as those programs holding a Letter of Review). Programs will also continue to be required to submit the NBRC Annual School Summary Report.

What effect will this have on RRT credentialing success reporting requirements?

For reporting purposes, CoARC will continue to require reporting of RRT Credentialing Success on the next Annual Report due April 15, 2011, however, we will not be making any accreditation decisions based on the RRT credentialing success results. RRT credentialing success results for each program, along with other outcomes data, will be published on our website as part of our commitment to providing the public with comparable information regarding program outcomes and to allow potential students to use this information as a measure of programmatic quality when selecting a respiratory care education program.

What effect will this have on using the Comprehensive Written Registry Self Assessment Examination (CWRRTSAE) as an alternate outcomes measure for RRT Credentialing Success reporting?

All programs with a pending progress report requesting CWRRTSAE data are still required to submit the documentation to CoARC. Programs can continue to use the CWRRTSAE (or any other NBRC SAE exam) for internal purposes, but it will no longer be a requirement to submit CWRRTSAE results to CoARC. CoARC will discontinue the requirement for reporting CWRRTSAE on the next Annual Report due April 15, 2011.



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Will this policy change apply to students completing their programs this year? Since I need to be ordering the exam soon, I want to make sure that I order the correct SAE.

If you do not have a pending progress report specifically requesting that you submit CWRRTSAE data, you are not required to administer the self assessment exam. CoARC continues to encourage programs to use this secure exam for internal purposes, but they are no longer required to submit the results to us.

Will we still need to fill out the CoARC mandated Verification of Participation Form (signatures of students, proctor, Program Director, Director of Clinical Education)?

Only programs with a pending progress report specifically requesting that they submit CWRRTSAE data, will need to complete the Verification of Participation Form since the CWRRTSAE is no longer a reporting requirement for CoARC.

Will programs still need to send CoARC the web-based (Group I Summary) results of the CWRRTSAE along with the Verification of Participation Form?

Only programs with a pending progress report specifically requesting that they submit CWRRTSAE data, will need to send in any NBRC Group I Summary forms since the CWRRTSAE is no longer a reporting requirement for CoARC.

Questions concerning this FAQ or any other issues related to exam-based outcomes should be directed to Tom Smalling, Executive Director at (817) 283-2835 ext. 101
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