



## How to Ensure Your Annual Report is Error-Free

It's that time of year again where you are preparing to submit your annual report to CoARC. Many of you received notices last year that your annual report was incomplete following submission and needed to be resubmitted. The following is a helpful checklist for you to avoid receiving a resubmission request and a possible administrative probation notice. Should you have specific questions regarding this checklist, please do not hesitate to contact [Tom Smalling](#) or [Jana Anderson](#).

### Profile Tab

- Update program information as necessary. Under Program Details, verify that the program's Institutional Control, Institutional Type, and Degree Offered are correct. If this information is incorrect, please contact [Jana Anderson](#) to request a correction.

### Personnel Tab

- Update program personnel information as necessary. If a position is unfilled at the time of RCS submission, insert "vacant" into the title.

### Students & Cohorts Tab

- Student Profiles for new students and cohorts are added from January 1, 2013 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The Student Annual Updates section of the Student Profile for students from previous cohorts is reviewed and updated accordingly (i.e., employment status and certifications). If you do not enroll students in 2015 indicate that in the Attrition Action Plan.

### Affiliates Tab (sub-tab of RCS)

- A list of all current clinical affiliates (include city, state, and zip code) is provided and clinical affiliates no longer in use (i.e., no active clinical affiliate agreement) are deleted.

### Enrollment & Graduation Tab (sub-tab of RCS)

- All enrollment cohorts are listed from January 1, 2013 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Updates to white columns are made through the Students & Cohorts tab. Updates for shaded columns are made by clicking on the Edit button at the bottom of each shaded column on this tab (this is to be done when there are updates to in-progress students from these cohorts that have graduated from January 1, 2013 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015).

### Outcomes Tab (sub-tab of RCS)

- The outcomes for the NBRC CRT and RRT Credentialing Success for 2013 through 2015 are consistent with the data provided in the NBRC Annual School Summary Report submitted to CoARC. If there are discrepancies with the NBRC Annual School Summary, the NBRC is contacted in writing at [nbrc-info@nbrc.org](mailto:nbrc-info@nbrc.org). Once the corrected NBRC Annual School Summary report is received, a copy is submitted to [Laura Burdette](#) at CoARC. Discrepancies that cannot be corrected between the NBRC Annual School Summary and the reported Outcomes on the RCS are explained in the analysis and action plan (e.g., discrepancies



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due to the awarding of the special certificate of CRT/RRT eligibility). *Helpful tip: If your credentialing success outcomes are borderline or below established CoARC thresholds, you should wait until prior to the RCS due date (July 1<sup>st</sup>) to check the latest NBRC Annual School Summary rather than submit your RCS early. Make sure you resubmit an updated NBRC Annual School Summary any time you make changes to Credentialing Success.*

- The outcomes for 2013 through 2015 are reviewed and updated based on CoARC's current definitions as described on CoARC's website <http://www.coarc.com/15.html>.
- An updated analysis and action plan is provided for each outcome that is below established CoARC thresholds.

### **Worksheet Tab (sub-tab of RCS)**

- The Total # of Graduate and Employer Surveys sent for 2013 through 2015 are consistent with the number employed for each reporting year. All survey data is entered for all data fields from 2013 through 2015. Only include surveys sent to employed graduates not **ALL** graduates.
- If there are no survey data collected for a given reporting year (displayed as N/A in the Outcomes Summary tab), an explanation is provided in the analysis and action plan on the Outcomes Tab.

### **Outcomes Summary Tab (sub-tab of RCS)**

- The outcomes do not exceed 100% for all categories from 2013 through 2015 (i.e., the number of surveys returned cannot exceed the number employed and the number employed cannot exceed the number of graduates for any given reporting year.)

### **RAM Tab**

- Under the "Measurement System" column, at a minimum, the Student Program Resource Survey (SPRS) and the Personnel-Program Resource Survey (PPRS) are used as measurement systems for each of the resource categories, with the exception of Financial Resources which lists Annual Budget Review and PPRS. *Note: Graduate and Employer surveys are used for graduate and employer satisfaction and not for resource assessment.*
- Under the "Dates of Measurement" column, the month/year (e.g., September 2015) the surveys were administered is included. Survey data for this reporting period is from either 2015 or 2016 survey results.
- Under the "Results and Analysis" column, the number of responses meeting the cut score and the number that fell below the cut score (defined as at least 80% of the survey responses rated 3 or higher) are stated.
- Under the "Action Plan and Follow-up/Reassessment" column, an appropriate plan/follow-up is provided for results not meeting the cut score for each resource category.