



COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

Public Disclosure Notice on Arkansas State University Mid-South (200605)

At its November 2017 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) conferred **Probationary Accreditation** for the AAS Degree Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice Program sponsored by Arkansas State University Mid-South. Probation is a public status and, therefore, the information provided below is in accord with the Commission's policy on release of information (see CoARC Policy 11.05D).

Probationary Accreditation was conferred after review of the Program's accreditation record during the November 2015, November 2016, and November 2017 CoARC Board meetings. The following Standard(s) is/are not in compliance:

Standard Citation 1

Standard 3.09 – Program Goals, Outcomes, and Assessment – Reporting Program Outcomes

The program must, at a minimum, meet the outcome thresholds established by CoARC regardless of location and instructional methodology used.

Rationale for Citation: The threshold set by CoARC for CRT Credentialing Success is 80%, meaning that 80% of the graduates must earn the CRT credential. This outcome measure is based upon the number of graduates earning the credential compared to the total number of graduates for a given graduating year (e.g. the number of individuals credentialed divided by total number of graduates). The Commission reviews this threshold over the most recent 3-year average reported. For the 2017 Report of Current Status, those years are 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Based on the 2017 Annual Report of Current Status, the Program did not meet the threshold for CRT Credentialing Success (2014-2016 average results=70% [28/40], threshold=80%). The Standardized Progress Report submitted in September 2015 and Progress Report Updates submitted in September 2016 and September 2017 addressing the CRT Credentialing Success were acknowledged by the Commission.

Please Note: Programs holding the accreditation status of Probationary Accreditation will be withheld or withdrawn if compliance with the Standards and/or Policies is not demonstrated within two (2) consecutive years following conferral of Probationary Accreditation. In no case will probation status exceed two (2) years. Arkansas State University Mid-South's Probationary Accreditation will be reviewed at the end of the first year of the two-year probationary period which is November 2018. If the program remains out of compliance with the Standards at the end of the first year of the two-year probationary period, the CoARC may withdraw accreditation unless the CoARC determines the program to be making a good faith effort to come into compliance with the Standards. However, if at any time the program is able to rectify all the deficiencies that resulted in Probationary Accreditation, supported by CoARC's review of the Probation Report, and thereby achieve compliance with the Standards, the CoARC will consider removing probationary status (Accreditation Policy 1.053).

The next review for Arkansas State University Mid-South is scheduled for the November 2018 CoARC Board meeting.

This statement has been reviewed and approved by the institution.