



Site Visitor News

Winter 2018

Greetings from CoARC:



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We are pleased to bring you the latest news and information about the CoARC site visit process. We will send you three updates per year, after each of our Board meetings.



If you have any ideas about how to improve the newsletter, please let us know!

**Newly Designed
CoARC Website
Coming Soon!**

Updates

The following are policy changes from our last Board meeting:

- The On-Site Referee Review (OSRR) form for the Base Entry for Provisional

We have a new website hosting company and are in the process of revising our website. We will send out a notice when the new website is complete. If you are having any issues with our current website, please send us an [email](#).

Accreditation had been revised.

- The Site Visitor Interview Guide for Provisional Accreditation has been revised.
- **Change to Travel Policy:** As a CoARC Site Visitor, you are required to schedule airfare with the CoARC Travel Agent rather than a personal travel agent. (The charges can be billed directly to CoARC or they can be applied to your personal credit card for reimbursement upon receipt being submitted to the Executive Office.)

**Degree Advancement Site Team Member
Qualifications Added:**

1. At least three (3) years of experience as a faculty member within a degree advancement program and/or currently serves as the program director for a degree advancement program;
2. At least five (5) years as an NBRC-credentialed registered respiratory therapist; or meet the criteria as a physician team member who has experience with degree advancement education;
3. Developed a respiratory care degree advancement program in its entirety and/or has developed courses within the program;
4. Earned master's degree or higher from an academic institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency that



**TUESDAY
JULY 17th,
2018**

CoARC will be hosting its annual awards ceremony at the AARC Summer Forum in San Antonio Hill Country of Texas. For the first time, we are hosting a private reception just for site visitors prior to the awards ceremony. Stay tuned for more details!



Do not to compare or contrast your program to the program you are evaluating.

is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE).

Changes to Physician Site Team Member Qualifications Approved:

1. At least three (3) years as a Board-certified, licensed physician, credentialed at or has been credentialed at one of the clinical affiliates of a CoARC-accredited program, with recognized qualifications, by training and/or experience, in the management of respiratory disease and in respiratory care practices;
2. Hold appropriate state credential to practice, or be a retired physician in good standing who is otherwise qualified as determined by the CoARC;
3. Demonstrated active involvement in the profession of respiratory care (e.g., membership in professional organizations, specialization, or research record).

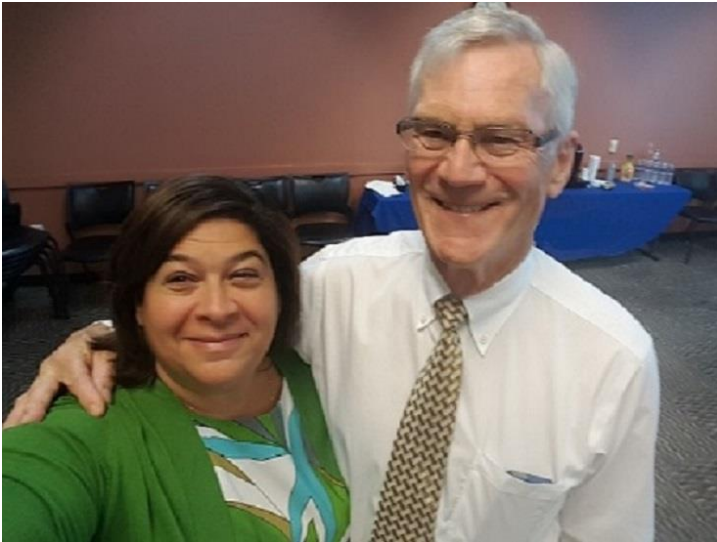
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The Script Opening and Script Summations must be read exactly as written to the programs, and it is required that copies of the Summation Handout be given out to those in attendance and prior to being read during the Summation Conference.

A Few Words about Inter-Rater Reliability

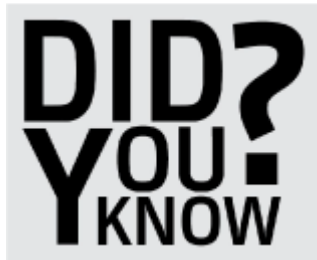
CoARC Standard 3.07 continues to be one of the most frequently cited standards even after 8 years since its debut. During that time, CoARC has offered several [webinars](#) and presentations on the subject.

For site visitors, you need to cite programs that do not have documented (1) a plan for training and evaluating the clinical evaluators; (2) evidence of review and analysis of evidence



Tracy Cagan and Ian Gilmour on a recent site visit.

Send us your pics and you might be on the next newsletter!



There were a total of **61** Site Visits conducted in 2017.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

gathered; and (3) an action plan when variability in evaluations has been identified.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 8-10, 2018 - CoARC Board meeting in Bedford, TX.

July 15-17, 2018 - CoARC Board meeting in San Antonio Hill Country. This includes a Meet the Referee Session, a Site Visitor Appreciation Reception, and Awards Ceremony.

November 8-10, 2018 - CoARC Board meeting in Bedford, TX.

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