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CoARC E-Newsletter

Greetings from CoARC:

With this edition of the CoARC e-newsletter, we are pleased to bring you the latest news and information about the CoARC and the accreditation process. We will send you an update after each of the three Board meetings each year.

If you have any ideas about how we could make the newsletter better, please let us know!

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 Forward This Newsletter to a Colleague

The following are highlights of CoARC activities since the last newsletter:

Entry into Practice Standards:

- CoARC will start the revision process for our Entry into Practice Standards in 2018 with an expected publication in 2020.
- CoARC will be publishing a revision timeline after its March 2018 Board Meeting.

The Report on Current Status (RCS) Deadline has Been Extended

- The new software reporting system being adopted by CoARC will require extensive beta testing.
- The RCS due date has been extended from July 1st to September 1st.

New Annual Report for 2018

The CoARC has teamed up with Indigo Interactive to develop a new interactive Report of Current Status tool. As mentioned previously the software is currently being beta tested and will be available in the fall. Some of the updates to the software include:

- Programs will be able to upload supplemental documents directly into the RCS.
- Programs will be able to generate reports directly from within the RCS rather than having to order a pdf from the developers.
- Programs will have access to input data year-round.
- The new interactive Outcomes map provides a visual representation of outcomes data for programs by region and state.
- Previously input data will be imported into the system prior to the launch of the new program. The system will include on-screen instructions to guide and train end users.

CoARC Website



CoARC Annual Report on Accreditation



The 2017 Report on Accreditation in Respiratory Care Education provides:

- Descriptive statistics of CoARC programs as of 12/31/17
- Accreditation actions taken in 2017
- Aggregated statistics of graduate, enrollment, and

Development of a High Cut Score Threshold

In May 2010, CoARC stopped making accreditation decisions based on the RRT Credentialing Success since the RRT was voluntary in all 50 states at the time. Today it is voluntary in 43 states.

With the advent of the NBRC TMC Exam, all graduates entering the profession must take a written examination with two cut scores. Achieving the higher cut score means the graduate earns the CRT and is eligible to take the CSE to earn the RRT.

CoARC has been gathering data over the past couple of years in order to identify a high cut score threshold. An announcement will be made once the data has been reviewed and a threshold established for July 2019 based on TMC data collected for 2015, 2016, and 2017.

2017 Report on Accreditation Highlights

- The AAS degree accounted for the largest (51%) of all degree types, an increase of 85% since 2011. There has been a 47% decrease in AS programs since 2011.
- The associate degree is the only degree offered in DC and 20 states.
- Total applications decreased by 42% between 2011 and 2016.
- Total enrollments decreased by 3% in 2016 compared to 2015. Total graduates in 2016 decreased by 4% compared to 2015.
- The mean retention rate was 91% with 4 programs below the 70% threshold.
- The mean CRT credentialing success increased by 0.6% to 93.1% with 21 programs below the 80% threshold.
- The mean RRT credentialing success increased by 2.5% to a high of 75.1%.

PROGRAMMATIC OUTCOMES

outcomes data for the 2017 RCS as well as data related to AARC 2015 and Beyond.



The 2018 Report of Current Status (RCS) submission due date has been extended to
September 1st;

The data collected for the 2018 RCS will focus on the reporting years for 2015, 2016, and 2017 (i.e., outcomes data from January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2017);

The validation and review of the 2018 Annual Report of Current Status (RCS) will be completed by
November

Don't Have a Lambda Beta Chapter Yet?

Lambda Beta Chapters may be formed by one or more accredited respiratory care programs.

As of March 2018, the following information is now reported on [CoARC's web site](#) as an aggregate for the three previous reporting years (2015-17) from the 2017 RCS:

3-year time period being reported
CRT and RRT credentialing success;
Retention (Attrition);
Job placement;
Graduate and Employer Overall Satisfaction;
On-Time Graduation Rate; and
Total number of program enrollees and graduates during that period.

CoARC also provides a link to interactive maps of all CoARC RCS [Entry into Practice](#) program and [Sleep Specialist](#) program information as of December 31, 2017.

Overview of the Number of Accredited Programs

Send the completed [application](#) with the \$55 fee to:

Lambda Beta Society, 10801 Mastin Street, Suite 300, Overland Park KS 66210.

Upon receipt and approval of the application and fee, the Lambda Beta Executive Office will forward the program a new chapter packet, including a certificate, proposal for membership and application forms to nominate students for membership.

Proposal for Membership and Membership Application can also be obtained by contacting the [Executive Office](#) (913.397.7398)

CoARC Activities at the



**Monday, July 16th
12-1:30 pm**

Meet the Referee

One-on-one appointments with the referees and Executive Office staff.

**Tuesday, July 17th
2:15 pm - 4:15 pm**

Program Numbers by CoARC Level as of June 1, 2018 (n=451)

	200-level (Entry Base)	210-level (Entry ADT BS)	220-level (Entry ADT MS)	300-level (U.S. satellites)	400-level (Sleep cert)	500-level (Degree Advancement)
Continuing Accreditation	376	2	3	10	5	0
Probationary Accreditation	9	0	0	0	0	0
Provisional Accreditation	18	2	1	0	1	4
Inactive Accreditation	2	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of Intent	6	0	0	2	0	5
Letter of Intent	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of Associate Degree Programs						365 Entry
Total # of Baccalaureate Degree Programs						65 Entry; 7 DA
Total # of Master's Degree Programs						6 Entry; 2 DA



LAMBDA BETA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lambda Beta Society is pleased to announce the 2018 Scholarship and Awards program. ***Any student currently matriculated in a respiratory care program at a CoARC accredited school can apply for any of these awards. Students do not have to be a member of the Lambda Beta Society to apply for any of these scholarships.*** We currently offer three (3) scholarships/awards. Each has a different set of criteria and dollar amount. Attached you will find applications for all three awards. Below is a brief explanation of each of these awards.

CoARC Symposium

2:15 pm–2:55 pm | Room TBA |
Education Track

A Glimpse into the Future: The 2020 CoARC Standards for Entry into Practice

Tom Smalling PhD RRT RPFT
RPSGT FAARC, Bedford TX

3:00 pm–3:40 pm | Room TBA |
Education Track

Competency Assessment in the Affective Domain

Sarah Varekojis PhD RRT FAARC,
Columbus OH

[Show description](#)

3:45 pm–4:25 pm | Room TBA |
Education Track

Associate to Baccalaureate Degree: Increase in Professional vs Increase in Generalist Curriculum

Joe Coyle MD FCCP, Boise ID
Pat Munzer DHSc RRT FAARC
Topeka KS

**Tuesday, July 17th
5:30-7:00 pm**

H. Frederic Helmholz, MD Scholarship

*This scholarship is presented on the merit of an independent, original narrative review of **literature** related to the practice of respiratory care and must comply with the application requirements and deadline. The Lambda Beta Society may award up to \$2500.*

H. Frederic Helmholz, MD Scholarship Application

[H. Frederic Helmholz, MD Scholarship Criteria Rubric](#)

CoARC Stephen P. Mikles, EdD, RRT, FAARC Media Award

This \$2000 award is sponsored by CoARC and is presented on the merits of an original presentation: electronic slides in PowerPoint or another presentation format, video presentation, or other presentation on a CDROM or DVDROM relevant to respiratory care and must comply with the application requirements and deadline.

[CoARC Stephen P. Mikles, EdD, RRT, FAARC Media Award Application](#)

[CoARC Stephen P. Mikles, EdD, RRT, FAARC Media Award Criteria Rubric](#)

NBRC/Hill Leadership Award

This award is presented to a student who has shown exemplary leadership in their educational career as well as volunteer and community service. The Lambda Beta Society may award up to \$2000.

[NBRC/Hill Leadership Award Application](#)

[NBRC/Hill Leadership Award Checklist](#)

CoARC Awards Ceremony

Presentation of 2017 Distinguished RRT Award certificates;

Presentation of CoARC Louis Sinopoli, PhD, RRT, FAARC Faculty Educational Research Scholarship and George G. Burton, MD Student Educational Research Scholarship;

Presentation of Bonner Smith Outstanding Service Award.

**Thursday, July 19th
10:45 am-11:45 am**

**22nd Annual Dr. H. Fred
Helmholz MD Education
Lecture Series**

**Making Brain Science Work for
Teachers**

Presenter:

**Dennis Wissing, PhD, RRT, AE-C,
FAARC
Shreveport, LA**

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

Our Summer Meeting will be at the [AARC Summer Forum July 17 - 19, 2018](#) in San Antonio, TX

These awards also include \$750 in travel expenses and a full registration to this year's International Congress being held in Las Vegas, Nevada, December 4-7, 2018.

Later CoARC Board meetings are scheduled for **November 8-10, 2018** and **March 21-23, 2019** both in Bedford, TX.

. All awards will be presented during the Lambda Beta Reception held in conjunction with the Student Survivor Hour at the International Congress. It is not necessary to be present to receive an award; however, you will need to attend the International Congress in order to receive the travel expenses and full registration.

All nomination packets must be submitted **electronically** no later than **June 15, 2018**, to [Glenda J. Hocker](#), Executive Secretary.

SPOTLIGHT ON A COMMISSIONER

Pat Munzer, DHSc, RRT, FAARC



Pat Munzer is a Dean of the School of Applied Studies at Washburn University in Topeka Kansas. She started her academic administration and leadership in 1984 when she became program director for a new respiratory therapy program. All curriculum for the program needed to be developed, clinical sites secured, affiliation agreements signed and the development of a self-study for accreditation had to be developed. Pat led these efforts and the program received its first accreditation letter in 1986.

Her leadership roles continued in 1997 when she became chair of the allied health department. At that time the department consisted of four associate degrees, one certificate program, eight faculty and one staff. Since then the department has expanded and now consists of five associate degrees, five certificates, two baccalaureate degrees offering four majors, and a master degree with eleven programs totally online. The number of faculty has increased to 21 and two staff positions.

In addition, she served nine months as the interim associate vice president for academic affairs from April 2010

through January 2011. She became dean for the School of Applied Studies in 2013.

She has held several professional leadership positions including the following:

- the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), Speaker of the House of Delegates
- the Kansas Respiratory Care Society (KRCS), President
- the National Network of Health Care in Two Year Colleges (NN2), Treasurer

Pat has been a CoARC site visitor since 1994, a commissioner since 2010 and served as Secretary from 2015 – 2017. She currently serves as President-Elect and will become President at the end of the December 2019 CoARC board meeting.

Inquiries related to this E-Newsletter can be addressed to:

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