



Accreditation Status Legend

(200): RRT-Registered Respiratory Therapist program.

(210/220): Additional Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice degree program offered.

(300): CoARC programs for additional offering by a base program. Option includes Satellites.

(400): Sleep Disorders Specialist Program Option (SDS).

Admin Pro: Administrative Probation will be automatic when a program (i.e. any program option with a separate CoARC ID number) does not comply with any of the administrative requirements. The placement of a program on Administrative Probation will not affect the eligibility for the NBRC Examinations of those students in the program.

Continuing Accreditation: Continuing Accreditation is conferred when 1) an established, currently accredited program demonstrates continued compliance with the *Standards* following submission of a continuing self-study report and completion of an on-site visit, or 2) a program holding Provisional Accreditation has demonstrated continued compliance with the *Standards* during the Provisional Accreditation period. Continuing Accreditation remains in effect until the program withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the *Standards*.

Inactive Accreditation: Only programs with continuing accreditation may request an inactive status for up to two years. During this time the program is required to pay full CoARC fees. No students may be enrolled or be matriculated in the program during the time period in which the program is inactive. Those programs offering additional options may request voluntary inactive status for these options without affecting the accreditation status of the base program. The date of the next scheduled site visit is not changed due to inactive status. During inactive status, programs must continue to submit documents (e.g., annual reports, progress reports) and pay fees that are due during that time, unless otherwise directed by the CoARC Board.

Provisional Accreditation (Date upon which the program can admit students): Provisional Accreditation signifies that a program has been granted an Approval of Intent and has demonstrated sufficient compliance to initiate a program in accordance with the *Standards* through the completion and submission of an acceptable Provisional Accreditation Self Study Report (PSSR), completion of an initial on-site visit, and other documentation required by CoARC. The conferral of Provisional Accreditation denotes a new program that has made significant progress towards meeting the *Standards* of Accreditation and also authorizes the sponsor to admit its first class of students. The program will remain on Provisional Accreditation until achieving Initial Accreditation. Programs with Provisional Accreditation classification may be placed on Probationary Accreditation or have accreditation withdrawn if the program does not provide continuing evidence of progress toward meeting all *Standards*. It is recognized by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) toward eligibility to the Respiratory Care Credentialing Examination(s). Graduates of a program designated as having Provisional Accreditation are considered graduates of a CoARC accredited program. Once graduates have been produced and at least three (3) reporting years of outcomes have been collected and analyzed, a provisionally accredited program may apply for Continuing Accreditation. Following the completion of the second on-site evaluation, the CoARC will confer Continuing Accreditation or Withhold Continuing Accreditation. Provisional Accreditation does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status.

Probation: Probationary Accreditation is a temporary status of accreditation conferred when an accredited program is not in compliance with one or more *Standards* and/or Policies following submission of one or more progress reports, and has not corrected deficiencies identified earlier by the CoARC. The program must file a Probation Report as directed by the CoARC Executive Office. However, if at any time during the year, the program is able to rectify all the deficiencies that resulted in Probationary Accreditation and achieve compliance with the *Standards*, the CoARC will consider removing the probationary status when review of the Probation Report so warrants. If compliance with the *Standards* is not demonstrated within 1 year, accreditation will be withdrawn. A program may remain on probation for no longer than one year without demonstrable and remarkable extenuating circumstances, in which case probation may be extended for an additional year. In no case will probation status exceed 2 years. A program on probation maintains its current accreditation status and is required to submit an Annual Report of Current Status (RCS) on the original due date. However, review and approval of the Annual RCS does not affect the probationary status. Because probation is not a decision to reaccredit, the original accreditation cycle remains in effect until the CoARC makes a decision, based on the Probation Report, to withdraw accreditation. If the decision is to reaccredit, the original accreditation cycle is continued. A probation decision can be subject to reconsideration but cannot be appealed (See CoARC Policy 1.06). Enrolled students completing the program under Probationary Accreditation are considered graduates of a CoARC accredited program.

Withdrawal of Accreditation - Voluntary: Programs may notify CoARC of Voluntary Withdrawal of Accreditation at any time for all activities of the program or for any program options.

Withdrawal of Accreditation - Involuntary: A program that has had its accreditation status withdrawn shall no longer be allowed to admit students. Enrolled students completing the program that has been conferred a Withdraw of Accreditation are considered graduates of a CoARC accredited program (See CoARC Policy 1.06 for Reconsideration and Appeal Policy).

Withhold of Accreditation: A program seeking Provisional Accreditation or Continuing Accreditation may have such accreditation status withheld if, following submission of a self-study and completion of an on-site evaluation, the accreditation review process confirms that the program is not in compliance with the *Standards*. A program that has had its accreditation status withheld shall no longer be allowed to admit students. For programs that receive a Withhold of Accreditation status, enrolled students who complete the program are considered graduates of a CoARC accredited program. (See CoARC Policy 1.06 for Reconsideration and Appeal Policy)