



CoARC Newsletter



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We are pleased to bring you the latest news and information from the CoARC. We will send you three updates per year, one after each Board meeting.

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LATEST NEWS

New CoARC President



Pat Munzer, DHSc, RRT, FAARC

Dr. Munzer is Professor and Dean of the School of Applied Studies at Washburn University in Topeka, KS. Dr. Munzer served two years as CoARC's President-Elect. She is a member of the AARC.

Dr. Munzer replaces Dr. Allen Gustin who served as the CoARC President from 2017 -2019.

CoARC By The Numbers

Program Numbers by CoARC Level as of March 15, 2020 (n=448)							
	200-level (Entry Base)	210-level (Entry ADT BS)	220-level (Entry ADT MS)	300-level (Satellite)	400-level (Sleep Cert)	500-level (Degree Adv)	600-level (Advanced Practice)
Continuing Accreditation	378	2	3	7	3	0	0
Probationary Accreditation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provisional Accreditation	22	3	1	1	1	16	1
Inactive Accreditation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of Intent	3	0	0	0	0	7	0
Letter of Intent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of Associate Degree Programs						345 Entry	
Total # of Baccalaureate Degree Programs						70 Entry; 19 DA	
Total # of Master's Degree Programs						5 Entry; 4 DA; 1 APRT	

New CoARC Policies

Review your curriculum to make sure it matches the new 2020 NBRC Content Outline ([https://www.coarc.com/getattachment/1b5b629f-79e9-414e-b58f-d868a5d76104/NBRC-Therapist-Multiple-Choice-Detailed-Conten-\(1\).aspx](https://www.coarc.com/getattachment/1b5b629f-79e9-414e-b58f-d868a5d76104/NBRC-Therapist-Multiple-Choice-Detailed-Conten-(1).aspx)).

New Key Personnel Replacement Category

1. For vacancies or absences of key personnel, a transitional replacement may be named to fulfill all of the duties and responsibilities of the position being replaced as outlined in the applicable *Standards*.
2. Transitional personnel must meet all of the qualifications required by the *Standards*, except for the academic degree.
3. Transitional personnel must be enrolled in a degree program, successful completion of which will result in their meeting the academic degree requirements for the Program Director or Director of Clinical Education.
4. Transitional personnel must fulfill all of the duties and responsibilities of the vacated position. A full-time appointment is required.
5. Programs may have a key personnel position filled on a "Transitional" basis for a maximum of two (2) years. This two (2) year period begins from the date of the initial appointment and cannot be extended. An individual occupying the transitional position can only be replaced by someone who meets all of the *Standards* qualifications for the vacated position.

Recent Policy Changes (On-Time Graduation Rate)

- As a result of the CoARC's ongoing effort to ensure that its policies and procedures ensure fair and consistent accreditation decisions, the CoARC Board at its December 2019 meeting approved the elimination of the On-Time Graduation Rate as an outcome metric.
- The change became effective on December 13, 2019.

Recent Policy Changes (Replacement of CRT Credentialing Success with TMC High Cut Score Success)

- Effective March 14, 2020, the CoARC approved the elimination of CRT Credentialing Success as an outcome.
- CRT Credentialing Success (and its related threshold) has been replaced with an outcome for achievement of the high cut score on the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination (TMC High Cut Score Success), with a threshold for that outcome.
- This change is related to the goal mandated in the Entry into Professional Practice Standards (Standard 3.01).
- Achievement of the High Cut Score is the first step required to obtain the RRT credential.
- As you are all aware, the TMC Examination was initiated by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) in 2015.
- The delay in the introduction of High Cut Score Success as an outcome was caused by the need to acquire sufficient data to calculate an applicable threshold.
- TMC High Cut Score Success is determined by calculating the percentage of program graduates who achieved the high cut score {i.e. dividing the number of program graduates achieving the high cut score (numerator) by the total number of graduates (denominator)} in each three-year reporting period.
- The threshold for TMC High Cut Score Success is 60% and the initial evaluation of this outcome will occur upon the submission of the 2020 Annual Report of Current Status.

The CoARC 2020 Standards

The Accreditation Standards for Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice have been approved by the Board of Commissioners at its meeting on March 14, 2020, and will go into effect July 1, 2020.

Update to RCS Student Profile

- The 2020 RCS Student Profile page will include an additional status box to categorize someone as an 'international student'.
- CoARC defines an international student as “an individual on a temporary visa who is enrolled (for credit) in a respiratory care program at an accredited higher education institution in the U.S. This definition does not apply to someone who is a permanent resident with an I-51 visa or Green Card or to someone who has applied for immigration status, to someone with temporary protected status, to an undocumented immigrant or to a refugee.”
- The international student category is being added to the 2020 Annual Report of Current Status Student Profile page. The rationale for excluding international students is that they must return to their home country quickly after graduation and cannot complete the RRT credentialing process.
- Those defined as 'International students' should be excluded when calculating TMC High Cut Score Success and RRT Credentialing Success.

2020 RCS

The 2020 Report on Current Status (RCS) due date is July 1, 2020. The report will be open for access starting May 1st <https://rcs.coarc.com/Account/Login>
Any questions regarding the report can be addressed to tammy@coarc.com

The CoARC Key Personnel Academy (KPA)

Registration for the Fall Key Personnel Academy is now open.

Please use the following link to reserve your spot: <https://forms.gle/9e5Ha7kkEDGtXVff7>

Class will begin August 15th and will end October 30th.

For additional information, contact Shane Keene at shane@coarc.com.

JOB BOARD

To post a position on the job board, please send a direct URL or media ad to the job posting from your company web site to [Shane Keene](#). The advertisement rates are as follows: \$200 per month, \$500 for 3 months, or \$1,000 until the position is filled.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020 CoARC Board Meetings

July 11-12
Virtual

December 10-12
Dallas, TX

2021 CoARC Board Meetings

March 11-13
Dallas, TX

Remaining
TBD

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