

East Tennessee State University Receives Inaugural CoARC Award for Excellence in Respiratory Therapy Education

At a reception held in conjunction with the 2007 American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) Summer Forum in Reno, Nevada, the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) presented the first, annual **CoARC Award for Excellence in Respiratory Therapy Education** to the Respiratory Care program of East Tennessee State University located in Elizabethton, TN.

After reviewing many outstanding nominees, the East Tennessee State University program was recognized for “not only meeting the standards for accreditation, but also having noteworthy achievements in several areas including: distinguished leadership within the profession, highly qualified faculty, distinction in the area of teaching, demonstrated major contribution to respiratory care, and innovative approaches to respiratory therapy education.”

Douglas E. Masini, EdD, RPFT, RRT-NPS, AE-C, FAARC, Associate Professor, Director of Cardiopulmonary Science, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine James H. Quillen College of Medicine, was present to accept the plaque and monetary award at the reception with approximately 100 attendees.



Dr. Masini (center) accepts the award from
David W. Chang, EdD, RRT-NPS, CoARC Chair and
Shelley C. Mishoe, PhD, RRT, FAARC, CoARC Chair-Elect

Congratulations to the Respiratory Care program of East Tennessee State University for its excellence in Respiratory Care education.