



**CoARC 2020 STANDARDS REVISION TIMELINE**

At March 2018 CoARC Board meeting:

- Charge Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee with beginning the review process.

**Following March 2018 CoARC Board meeting:**

CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (Apr 2018 – July 2018):

- Establish a timeline and methodology for the Standards revision process.
- ED -Review Standards for compliance with current Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) criteria for recognition.
- ED - Review Standards published by ASPA accrediting organizations with a focus on competency-based standards and provide a summary report to the Committee.
- Prepare 2015 Standards for review and discussion.

At July 2018 CoARC Board meeting:

- Review, discuss and approve the revision timeline and focus of revision.

**Following July 2018 CoARC Board meeting:**

1. Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC web site and on AARC web site announcing the call for comments on the 2015 Standards. Disseminate a call for comment (with **October 1, 2018** deadline for comment) to all communities of interest\* and outline the procedure for those wishing to provide input to the CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee.

*\*Communities of interest include all the bodies within the CoARC organizational structure; related bodies or organizations (the American Association for Respiratory Care, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the American Thoracic Society, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, the National Network of Two-Year Community Colleges, and the National Board for Respiratory Care; RT educational program representatives (CEOs, deans, program directors, medical directors, site visitors, and advisory committee members); respiratory therapy educators; practitioners; consumers; employers; regulators (licensure boards, state higher education commissions); recognition bodies (Council for Higher Education Accreditation); accreditors (regional, national, and specialized accreditors); Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors; students; and the public at large.*

2. Use CoARC web site and Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020EntryDraft1> to collect data and feedback from communities of interest (validity, ease of interpretation, potential issues, positives and negatives regarding 2015 Standards).
3. CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (Aug 2018 – Oct 2018):
  - Review the data collected from all evaluation instruments.
  - Review correspondence received by CoARC regarding the 2015 Standards.



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- Identify Standards determined to have greatest concerns.
  - Make recommended revisions to the first draft for review by Full Board at Nov meeting.
4. At November 2018 CoARC Board meeting:
- Review, discuss, and approve changes to the first draft of 2020 Standards.

### Following November 2018 CoARC Board meeting:

5. Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC web site and on AARC web site announcing the first draft of the 2020 Standards. Disseminate a call for comment (with **February 1, 2019** deadline for comment) to all communities of interest\* and outline the procedure for those wishing to provide input to the CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee.
6. Use CoARC web site and Survey Monkey [[Update survey link](#)] to collect data and feedback from communities of interest (validity, ease of interpretation, potential issues, positives and negatives regarding first draft of 2020 Standards).
7. CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (Feb 2019 – Mar 2019):
- Review the data collected from all evaluation instruments.
  - Review correspondence received by CoARC regarding the proposed Standards.
  - Identify Standards determined to have greatest concerns.
  - Make recommended revisions to the first draft for review by Full Board at March 2019 meeting.
8. At March 2019 CoARC Board meeting:
- Review, discuss, and approve changes to the first draft of 2020 Standards.

### Following March 2019 CoARC Board meeting:

9. Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC web site and on AARC web site announcing the second draft of the revised Standards. Disseminate a call for comment (with **May 1, 2019** deadline for comment) to all communities of interest\* and outline the procedure for those wishing to provide input to the CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee.
10. Use CoARC web site and Survey Monkey [[Update survey link](#)] to collect data and feedback from communities of interest (validity, ease of interpretation, potential issues, positives and negatives regarding second draft of 2020 Standards).
11. CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (May 2019 – June 2019):
- Review the data collected from all evaluation instruments.
  - Review correspondence received by CoARC regarding the proposed Standards.
  - Identify Standards determined to have greatest concerns.
  - Make recommended revisions to the second draft for review by Full Board at July 2019 meeting.



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12. At July 2019 CoARC Board meeting:

- Hold a Standards Open Hearing (time and location TBD).
- Review, discuss, and approve changes to the second draft of 2020 Standards.

### Following July 2019 CoARC Board meeting:

13. Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC web site and on AARC web site announcing the final draft of the 2020 Standards. Disseminate a call for comment (with **September 15, 2019** deadline for comment) to all communities of interest\* and outline the procedure for those wishing to provide input to the CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee.

14. Use CoARC web site and Survey Monkey [[Update survey link](#)] to collect data and feedback from communities of interest (validity, ease of interpretation, potential issues, positives and negatives regarding final draft of 2020 Standards).

15. CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (Sept 2019 – Oct 2019):

- Review the data collected from all evaluation instruments.
- Review correspondence received by CoARC regarding the proposed Standards.
- Identify Standards determined to have greatest concerns.
- Make recommended revisions to the final draft for review by Full Board at December 2019 meeting.

16. At December 2019 CoARC Board meeting:

- Review, discuss, and approve changes to the final draft of new Standards.

### Following December 2019 CoARC Board meeting:

17. Send the final version of the 2020 Standards to the CoARC's collaborating organizations (AARC, ATS, ASA, and ACCP) for adoption as per CoARC Bylaw 2.05.01.

18. The adopted 2020 Standards will be posted on the CoARC web site and will go into effect on **September 1, 2020**. An e-mail announcement will be distributed to all communities of interest.

19. CoARC Site Visit Review Committee (December 2019 – March 2020):

- Make recommended revisions to self-study and site visit documents for review by Full Board at March 2020 meeting.

20. Provide webinars to key personnel and site visitor retraining on implementing the revised Standards (May 2020 – July 2020):

21. Begin assessing compliance with the 2020 Standards as part of the regular on-site review. Programs with self-studies due on or after September 1, 2020 will be required to demonstrate compliance with the 2020 Standards.