

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care Selects Dr. Shane Keene as Associate Executive Director



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We are pleased to announce that the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) has selected Dr. Shane Keene as its new Associate Executive Director, effective October 1, 2016. He will move into the position full-time beginning July 1, 2017.

Dr. Keene earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Cardiorespiratory Sciences and a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership both from Mountain State University and a Masters of Business Administration from King University. He earned his Doctorate in Health Sciences from Nova Southeastern University in 2009. He has worked in the respiratory care profession since 1993 and joined the respiratory care program faculty at East Tennessee State University in 2004, where he subsequently served as Director of Clinical Education and the Program Director. Dr. Keene most recently developed and served as Program Director for the degree completion program at the University of Cincinnati and then moved on to serve as Department Head/Chair, Department of Analytical and Diagnostic Sciences and as an associate dean. He has specialty credentials in polysomnography, pulmonary function testing, and neonatal/pediatrics.

Dr. Keene has been involved in respiratory care associations at the local, state, and national levels. Dr. Keene served for a number of years on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee State Society for Respiratory Care, including the position of Vice-President. He has served as a board member on the Committee on Accreditation of Respiratory Care (CoARC) since 2014. He currently serves as co-chair of the AARC Ad Hoc Committee on Advanced RT Practices, Credentialing, and Education.

Dr. Keene's area of expertise is online education, where he specializes in curriculum development, continuing education, and regulatory issues related to online education such as state authorization rules. Dr. Keene is a nationally recognized speaker and author and has played an important role in the promotion and establishment of degree advancement programs. In 2007, he developed the first CoARC accredited online polysomnography program in the nation. In December of 2014, he was conferred a fellowship by the AARC in recognition for his significant and sustained contributions to the profession of respiratory care.