

Accreditation Status Legend

(+): The plus symbol indicates that the program has one or more components to the base program such as Satellite, Scheduling, and/or Polysomnography Option.

(A): The letter 'A' behind the Letter of Review programs is for CoARC internal purposes only.

(100): An entry level (CRT-Certified Respiratory Therapist) program. [Please note: As of July 1, 2010, no new students shall be admitted into 100-level programs. Students enrolled in a 100-level program must graduate by December 31, 2012, to be recognized as graduates of a CoARC-accredited program. All 100-level programs must voluntarily withdraw effective December 31, 2012. Failure to do so by this date will result in a COARC action to withdraw accreditation.]

(200): An advanced level (RRT-Registered Respiratory Therapist) program.

(300): CoARC programs for additional offerings by a base program. Options include Satellite (U.S. and International) and Scheduling (Evening, weekends, etc).

(400): Polysomnography Specialty Options

Accreditation: Program is fully accredited.

Accred w/ PR: Program is accredited but is required to file a Progress Report addressing deficiencies within the program specified in a decision letter from the CoARC.

Accred w/ RCS-PR: Program is accredited but is required to file a Progress Report addressing deficiencies regarding thresholds specified in a decision letter from the CoARC.

Admin Pro: Administrative Probation is a status of accreditation when a program has not complied with administrative requirements such as timely filing of a Self Study Report, Annual Report of Current Status, Progress Reports, Key Personnel Change Forms, etc. The placement of a program on Administrative Probation will not affect the eligibility for the NBRC Examinations of those students in the program.

Initial (Month-Year Initial Status Ends): Developing program which is accredited for a limited defined period of time. At the end of the allotted time, the CoARC may decide either Continuing Accreditation or Withhold of Accreditation.

Initial w/ PR (Month-Year Initial Status Ends): Program is accredited but is required to file a Progress Report addressing deficiencies with the program specified in a decision letter from the CoARC. This status is granted for a limited defined period of time to developing programs.

Initial w/ RCS-PR: Program is accredited but is required to file a Progress Report addressing deficiencies regarding thresholds specified in a decision letter from the CoARC. This status is granted for a limited defined period of time to developing programs.

Letter of Review (LOR) (Date upon which the program can admit students): The conferral of a Letter of Review authorizes the sponsor to admit students. 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 Letter of Review status have the same rights and privileges as graduates of an accredited program.

Probation (Date Probation went into effect): 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 Board. A program is placed on probation for a period of one year. 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 Board 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. Probation may be extended for one additional year only under extenuating circumstances. Probation status may not 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 (www.coarc.com for CoARC Accreditation Policy 1.07). Enrolled students completing the program under Probationary Accreditation are considered graduates of a CoARC accredited program.