

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

COARC STANDARD 1.01 REVISIONS TIMELINE

September 2021:

 Blast email all accredited programs and place an announcement on the CoARC web site announcing the first draft of the revised Standard 1.01. Disseminate a call for comment (with an October 15, 2021 deadline) to all communities of interest* and outline the procedure for those wishing to provide input to the CoARC.

*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, the Society for Critical Care Medicine, 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 the CoARC web site and Survey Monkey to collect data and feedback from CoARC's communities of interest.
- 3. At a Special CoARC Board meeting (November 3, 2021):
 - Review the data collected from the survey, and from any correspondence regarding the proposed change in the Standards.
 - Review, discuss, and approve any proposed changes to the draft of Standard 1.01.

Following Special CoARC Board meeting:

- 4. Blast email all accredited programs and place an announcement on the CoARC web site announcing the draft of revised Standard 1.01. Disseminate a call for comment (with a December 1, 2021 deadline) to all communities of interest* and outline the procedure for those wishing to provide input to the CoARC.
- 5. Use the CoARC web site and Survey Monkey to collect data and feedback from the communities of interest.
- 6. At its December CoARC Board meeting:
 - Hold a virtual Standards Open Hearing on December 10, 2021;
 - Review, discuss, and approve any proposed changes to the draft of Standard 1.01.

Following the December 2021 CoARC Board meeting:

- 7. Send the final version of the Standards to the CoARC's collaborating organizations (AARC, ATS, ASA, and ACCP) for statements of support as per CoARC Bylaw 2.05.01.
- 8. The revised Standards' revision will be posted on the CoARC web site and will go into effect December 10, 2021. An email announcement will be distributed to all communities of interest.