**CoARC 2025 ENTRY INTO PRACTICE STANDARDS
REVISION TIMELINE**

At November 2022 CoARC Board meeting:

* Charge Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws (APSB) Committee with beginning the review process.
* Approve timeline for the Standards revision process.

**Following November 2022 CoARC Board meeting:**

* Provide announcements to communities of interest\* regarding the revision process.

\*CoARC’s communities of interest include:

* Matriculated and prospective students of RC programs
* Respiratory care educators (PDs, DCEs, Medical Directors, faculty)
* Individuals associated with RC educational program (CEOs, Deans, Advisory Committee members)
* Individuals involved in the accreditation process (CoARC employees, site visitors)
* Professional organizations associated with CoARC:
	+ American Association for Respiratory Care, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the American Thoracic Society, the Society for Critical Care Medicine, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, and the National Board for Respiratory Care
* Practitioners;
* Employers of graduates of CoARC-accredited programs;
* Respiratory care department supervisors
* Consumers (patients);
* Regulators (licensure boards, state and federal higher education agencies)
* Recognition bodies (Council for Higher Education Accreditation)
* Accreditors (regional, national, and specialized accreditors)
* Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors
* Other health care professionals and organizations.

CoARC APSB Committee (Nov 2022 – July 2023):

* Review the current 2020 Entry Standards to determine the:
	+ Degree of interpretability of each Standard and Evidence of Compliance (EOC)
	+ Areas of concern/need for focused review
	+ Applicability/Relevance of EOC and Interpretive Guidelines
* Review and discuss new format options for differentiated Standards based on degree type. The objective is to create a new framework for the 2025 Standards that align with the different degree offerings. The new document will continue to emphasize a competency-based, outcomes-focused approach to program evaluation.

At July 2023 CoARC Board meeting:

1. Review, discuss and approve the new format.

**Following July 2023 CoARC Board meeting:**

CoARC APSB Committee (July 2023 – March 2024):

* + Create a first draft of the 2025 Entry Standards
* At March 2024 CoARC Board meeting:
	+ Review, discuss, and approve changes to the first draft 2025 Entry Standards.

**Following March 2024 CoARC Board meeting:**

1. Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC website announcing the first draft of the revised 2025 Standards. Disseminate a call for comment (with **May 1, 2024** 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.
2. Use CoARC website 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 new Standards).
3. CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (May 2024 – July 2024):
	* Review the data collected from all evaluation instruments.
	* Review correspondence received by CoARC regarding the proposed Standards.
	* Make recommended revisions to the second draft for review by Full Board at July 2024 meeting.
4. At July 2024 CoARC Board meeting:
* Hold an Entry Standards Open Hearing (Date/Time/Location TBD).
* Review, discuss, and approve changes to the first draft of new Standards.

**Following July 2024 CoARC Board meeting:**

1. Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC website announcing the second draft of the revised Standards. Disseminate a call for comment (with **September 15, 2024** 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.
2. Use CoARC website 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 new Standards).
3. At 2024 AARC International Congress:
	* Hold an Entry Standards Open Hearing (Date/Time/Location TBD).
4. CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (Sept 2024 – Nov 2024):
* Review the data collected from all evaluation instruments.
* Review any correspondence, e-mails, or telephone calls received by CoARC regarding the proposed Standards, EOC, and Interpretive Guidelines.
* Make recommended revisions to the second draft for review by Full Board at November 2024 meeting.
1. At November 2024 CoARC Board meeting:
* Review, discuss, and approve changes to the second draft of the 2025 Standards.

**Following November 2024 CoARC Board meeting:**

1. Send the final version of the 2025 Entry Standards to the CoARC’s collaborating organizations (AARC, ATS, ASA, and CHEST) for acceptance as per CoARC Bylaw 2.05.01.
2. The adopted 2025 Standards will be posted on the CoARC website and will go into effect on June 1, 2025. An email announcement will be distributed to all communities of interest.
3. CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (Nov 2024 – June 2025):
	* Make recommended revisions to site visit documents for review by Full Board.
4. Provide webinars to key personnel and site visitor retraining on implementing the revised Standards (Nov 2024 – June 2025):
5. Begin assessing compliance with the new Standards as part of the regular on-site and annual Report of Current Status process (June 2025). Programs with self-studies due after July 1, 2025 will be required to demonstrate compliance with the 2025 Standards.

**ONGOING REVIEW**

 The CoARC Policies/Standards/ Bylaws Committee, a standing committee of CoARC, is responsible for reviewing the Standards at least every five years and recommend revisions, if any, to the Board. The CoARC may review and make revisions to the Standards sooner than the five-year period. If CoARC determines, at any point during its systematic program of review, that it needs to make changes to the Standards, CoARC will initiate action within 12 months to make the changes and will complete that action within a reasonable period of time. Before finalizing any changes to the Standards, CoARC will provide advance public notice of the proposed revised Standards. CoARC will provide adequate opportunity for broad comment from the academic community and the public prior to the adoption of proposed changes to CoARC Standards.