



**CoARC 2025 ENTRY INTO PRACTICE STANDARDS
REVISION TIMELINE (Updated March 2, 2024)**

At the November 2022 CoARC Board meeting:

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

Following the 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 – Nov 2023):

- 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 the November 2023 CoARC Board meeting:

Review, discuss, and approve the new format.

Following the November 2023 CoARC Board meeting:

CoARC APSB Committee (Nov 2023 – March 2024):

- Establish external participants and create subcommittees to review areas of the Standards.
- At the March 2024 CoARC Board meeting:
 - Review, discuss, and approve APSB Committee recommendations.



Following the March 2024 CoARC Board meeting:

- Subcommittees work on individual sections and report back to the APSB Committee.
- CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (April 2024 – July 2024):
 - Develop a first draft based on subcommittee recommendations and present the draft for review by Full Board at July 2024 meeting.

Following the July 2024 CoARC Board meeting:

- Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC website announcing the first 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.
- Use the 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 the first draft of new Standards).
- At the November 2024 AARC International Congress:
 - Hold an Entry Standards Open Hearing (Date/Time/Location TBD).
 - Review, discuss, and approve changes to the first draft of new Standards.
- 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 the Full Board at the November 2024 meeting.
- At the November 2024 CoARC Board meeting:
 - Review, discuss, and approve changes to the first draft of the 2025 Standards.

Following the November 2024 CoARC Board meeting:

- Blast email programs as well as place an announcement on the CoARC website announcing the first draft of the revised Standards. Disseminate a call for comment (with **January 15, 2025** 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.



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- Use the 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 the second draft of new Standards).
- CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (Jan 2025 – Mar 2025):
 - 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 the Full Board at the March 2025 meeting.
- At the March 2025 CoARC Board meeting:
 - Review, discuss, and approve changes to the second draft of the 2025 Standards.

Following the March 2025 CoARC Board meeting:

- CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (April 2025 – June 2025):
 - Review, discuss, and recommend any final changes to the 2025 Standards.
 - Create a web-based version of the document and check the functionality.
- At the July 2025 CoARC Board meeting:
 - Review, discuss, and approve final edits to the second draft of the 2025 Standards.

Following the July 2025 CoARC Board meeting:

- 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.
- The adopted 2025 Standards will be posted on the CoARC website and will go into effect on December 1, 2025. An email announcement will be distributed to all communities of interest.
- CoARC Accreditation Policies/Standards/Bylaws Committee (July 2025 – Dec 2025):
 - Make recommended revisions to site visit documents for review by the Full Board.
- Provide webinars to key personnel and site visitors- retraining on implementing the revised Standards (Fall 2025):
- Begin assessing compliance with the new Standards as part of the regular on-site and annual Report of Current Status process (Dec 2025). Programs with self-studies due after January 1, 2026, will be required to demonstrate compliance with the 2025 Standards.