



COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

First Draft Revision to Standard DA2.5, Evidence of Compliance, and Interpretive Guideline

Current Standard DA2.5:

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- valid RRT credential OR be a physician (MD or DO);
 - current professional license or certificate unless exempted from licensure under state or federal law;
 - minimum of four (4) years' experience as an RRT OR physician (MD or DO) with at least two (2) years must include experience in clinical respiratory care, pulmonary medicine, cardiothoracic surgery, critical care, anesthesiology, healthcare administration, healthcare research, or a subject area directly related to the degree conferred;
 - minimum of two (2) years' teaching experience in clinical respiratory care, research, management, education, or a subject area directly related to the degree conferred by the program.

Evidence of Compliance:

- Documentation of a current state license;
- Credential verification by the NBRC, ABMS, AOA, or relevant credentialing agency;
- Curriculum vitae;
- College transcripts.

Interpretive Guideline:

Documentation of credential validation can include a copy of the NBRC, American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) certificate or an NBRC, ABMS, or AOA Credentials Verification Letter. Expired credentials are not valid. The CoARC Curriculum Vitae Outline for Program Faculty (available on the CoARC website) can be used as a curriculum vitae.

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and

- e) complete the CoARC Key Personnel Training Program, if applicable.

Evidence of Compliance:

- Documentation of a current state license;
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- Curriculum vitae;
- CoARC Key Personnel Training Program certificate of completion.

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Program Directors appointed after January 1, 2024 must complete the CoARC Key Personnel Academy (KPA), which is available in an online format three times per year. After that date, if the new appointee served in a permanent key personnel role [for at least twelve (12) months] in a CoARC-accredited program (as either PD) within the 36 months prior to their appointment, they do not need to complete the KPA. When required, the KPA must be completed within twenty-four (24) months of the appointee's assumption of the position. (If the program has not been granted Provisional Accreditation, the 24 month timeframe begins on the date that Provisional Accreditation is granted.) Should the appointee fail to complete the KPA within this timeframe, the program will be placed on Administrative Probation. Temporary and acting PDs are not required to complete the KPA. Transitional personnel may complete the KPA prior to their permanent appointment, but if this is not accomplished, they must complete the KPA, within the above timeline, following their permanent appointment.

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