

ELIGIBILITY (page 7 of CoARC DA Standards 1.1.2026)

The CoARC accredits degree-granting programs in respiratory care that have undergone a rigorous process of voluntary peer review and have met or exceeded the minimum accreditation Standards set by the CoARC. To become accredited by the CoARC, degree advancement programs must be established as defined in Standard DA1.1 – either in U.S. accredited postsecondary educational institutions, by a consortium of which one member must be a U.S. accredited postsecondary educational institution, or in facilities sponsored by the U.S. military. Sponsors must apply for accreditation as outlined in the CoARC's Accreditation Policies and Procedures Manual (available at www.coarc.com).

~~All degree advancement students must have graduated from a CoARC-accredited *Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice* degree program or hold the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) RRT credential and the NBRC RRT credential prior to admission. Additionally, students who do not have the RRT credential upon admission to the program may be admitted as a CRT; however, prior to graduation they must achieve the RRT credential.~~

All degree advancement students must meet one of the following before admission to the program:

- o Graduated from a CoARC-accredited *Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice* program, or
- o Hold the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) RRT credential.

Students who do not hold the NBRC RRT credential at the time of admission may be admitted with the NBRC CRT credential; however, they must obtain the NBRC RRT credential before graduation.