



Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2020-2021

Accreditor types: Programmatic

Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Range of Accreditation Activity: The CoARC accredits Entry into Professional Practice respiratory care programs at the Associate, Baccalaureate, and Master's degree levels, as well as post-professional Degree Advancement respiratory care programs at the Baccalaureate and Master's degree levels and Advanced Practice respiratory care programs at the graduate level. The CoARC also accredits certificate programs that train sleep disorders specialists offered by any of its accredited respiratory care programs. CoARC accreditation is limited to programs physically located in the United States and its territories. (2020)

International Accreditation Activity:

0 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

0 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

No Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Sponsoring Organization: CoARC is a freestanding organization. It has collaborating rather than sponsoring organizations.

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

18-member board composed of representative members of the public (1), ATS (2), AARC (6), At-large (3), ASA (2), ASAHF (1), Past-president (1), CHEST (1), SCCM (1)

899,910 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

0 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 5 Full-time **0** Part-time

Volunteers: 55 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

2020-2021

416 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Programs

416 Degree-Granting:

339 Public

36 Private Nonprofit

41 Private For-Profit

0 Non-Degree-Granting:

0 Public

0 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

7,800 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Visits after 3 years of outcomes data have been reported for Provisional; visits at 5 years for Initial Continuing; visits every 10 years for Continuing; Outcomes reported annually. Commission may require additional visits and/ or reports as needed.

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Comprehensive Reviews every 5 years; Focused reviews as needed in-between 5-year cycle.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

17 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

14 Initial Accreditation Granted

0 Initial Accreditation Denied

62 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

5 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

82 Notice or Warning

5 Probation

n/a Show Cause

6 Accreditation Terminated or Removed

0 Actions under Appeal

0 Other

Summary of Additional Actions

65 Substantive Changes Reviewed

79 Site Visits

11 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation