

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE (CoARC)

In accordance with the [2019 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures](#), Paragraph 39, this summary describes the formal status of an accrediting organization in relation to recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accrerator: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 448

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The CoARC accredits entry into professional practice programs in respiratory care at the Associate, Baccalaureate, and Master's Degree levels as well as degree advancement programs in respiratory care at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The CoARC also accredits polysomnography programs offered by these programs. CoARC accreditation activities are limited to programs in the United States and its territories. (2017)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in September 2012

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 29, 2018

Decision: Approval of change of CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation

Prior action on CoARC's Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting September 24-25, 2012: The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 4-8).

CoARC demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.