



COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

March 10, 2023

Kathleen Nelson, EdD, President
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RE: Program Number 200632

Dear Dr. Nelson:

At its March 2023 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) reviewed the Detailed Action Plan submitted for the AAS Degree Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice Program sponsored by Pierpont Community & Technical College, which currently holds Provisional Accreditation.

CoARC engages in an accreditation dialogue with the Program to identify any deficiencies and implement action plans to remediate such deficiencies (see Sections 3 and 4 of the CoARC Accreditation Policies and Procedures Manual). CoARC requires a Program to submit documentation addressing any Standard not met (i.e. citation) as a progress report. The progress report must be submitted within the specified period of time addressing the Standard(s) with which the Program has been found to be in non-compliance. The Progress Report will constitute the basis for Commission action. The action is either to accept the report, finding the Program in compliance with all CoARC Standards, or, if the Program does not demonstrate compliance with the Standards within the specified time frame stated in the Program action letter, the Commission may either (1) request an additional Progress Report or (2) confer a Probationary Accreditation status.

The CoARC voted to accept the Detailed Action Plan received for Standard 3.07 TMC High Cut Score Success and to request a Progress Report for Standard 3.07 TMC High Cut Score Success, which includes the submission of your program's 2023 RCS (for a copy of the Standards, visit the CoARC website at www.coarc.com):

Standard Citation 1

Standard 3.07 – Program Goals, Outcomes, and Assessment – Reporting Program Outcomes

Regardless of the degree awarded, all programs must, at a minimum, meet the thresholds established by CoARC for all mandated outcome measures at all program locations, notwithstanding the instructional methodology used. Program outcomes must be submitted to the CoARC annually, on or before the mandated deadline, using the Report of Current Status (RCS) format.

Rationale for Citation: Based on the 2022 Annual Report of Current Status, the Program did not meet the threshold for TMC High Cut Score Success (2019-2021 average results=43% [13/30], threshold=60%).

Program Required Response (Evidence for Compliance with Standard):

1. *Submit the Progress Report Update for TMC High Cut Score Success (attached).*
2. *Submit an updated NBRC Annual School Summary Report (www.nbrc.org).*
3. *Submit an updated NBRC TMC Graduate Performance Report (www.nbrc.org).*

The Progress Report must be sent electronically to CoARC on or before **September 20, 2023** by emailing shelley@coarc.com. The Commission will evaluate the Program's response at its November 2023 meeting. Failure to submit the required response above may result in Administrative Probation (see CoARC Policy 1.055).

Questions concerning the submission or content of the Progress Report should be directed to Shelley Christensen (shelley@coarc.com or 817-283-2835 ext. 106).

Remember to continue program "Resource Assessment" and "Outcomes Assessment" activities in preparation for your next Annual Report of Current Status (based on 2020-21-22 outcomes data) **due July 1, 2023**.

The next comprehensive evaluation of the Program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than .

The Commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in programmatic accreditation.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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