

Faculty Response to CoARC Recommendations

All unmet standards were adequately addressed through various correspondences between the chair, Paul Eberle and representatives of CoARC:

Initial interaction with our referee answering citation questions occurred 4/15/2019 in an email (attached) involving catalog verbiage required by each program and accomplished shortly after the site-visit.

Here is the documentation I used to clarify the boxes checked "not met" and the citations CoARC wanted addressed prior to confirming "Continuing Accreditation" In December 2019 through 2029. The faculty was not involved in responding nor given an opportunity to address the report from the CoARC.

Using notes from the exit interview conducted in February 2019, the CoARC noted as **strengths:** 1) strong faculty, 2) supportive clinical faculty and advisory Board, 3) faculty demonstrate dedication and commitment to student success, job placement and high program regard, 4) dedicated Inter-professional space and satellite locations adequate for needs and, 5) program recognized excellent outcomes meeting all annual accreditation thresholds and "Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success" 2012-2019 (>90% pass rate on highest credential over three year reporting period, i.e., 2010, 2011, & 2012, again in 2011, 2012 & 2013, etc. thru current 2019 reporting period). Roughly, only 35-40 of the 450 respiratory therapy schools are recognized by this distinction. Base program has been recognized the last 8 years and both WSU-Davis and SLC cohorts for the last 4 reporting cycles.

Other responses:

Following our visit 2/22/19, the department immediately changed program material in the information handout, student policy and procedure handbook (pg. 6), and the on-line catalog outlining the CoARC specified goals.

Catalog changes for the next academic year opened 2/25/19 through Mar 1 so I changed it in an e-mail (attached) proposing catalog verbiage below:

Evidence of the current catalog (2019-20) can be found on the following page :

https://catalog.weber.edu/preview_entity.php?catoid=17&ent_oid=3271&returnto=5678

Final update:

All accreditation thresholds have been met, clinical concerns, objectives and skills addressed by the Director of Clinical Education (Professor Mich Oki) in newly available clinical software program (PEEPity.com) outlined in response to clarify concerns to CoARC, and credentialing outcomes are superior compared to programs throughout the country. Continuing accreditation confirmed through 2029 with annual "Report of Current Status" (RCS) submitted January 2020 reporting three year averages on attrition, retention, job placement, employer satisfaction, student evaluation and credentialing outcomes.