



COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR  
RESPIRATORY CARE

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RE: Program Number 200147

Dear Dr. Ahmed:

It is our pleasure to notify you that your program is among a select group of programs that will be recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) to receive the *Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award*. This award is presented as part of the CoARC's continued efforts to value the RRT credential as a standard of professional achievement. From a program effectiveness perspective, the CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program's success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations.

In selecting programs for this recognition, the CoARC Board used objective criteria based on key accreditation metrics documented in the 2014 Annual Report of Current Status (RCS). These programs were required to: (1) have three or more years of outcomes data; (2) hold accreditation without a progress report; (3) document RRT credentialing success of 90% or above, and (4) meet or exceed established CoARC thresholds for CRT credentialing success, attrition and positive (job) placement. The CoARC extends its sincere congratulations to you, your faculty, students, and graduates for meeting these rigorous criteria.

Keep in mind that the conferral of this achievement award does not imply the CoARC's recommendation, endorsement, or ranking of your program in relation to other CoARC-accredited programs. Publications or announcements of this award shall not imply such recommendation, endorsement, or ranking. The primary responsibility of CoARC is to accredit programs based on their compliance with established accreditation standards.

Your program will receive a certificate of recognition during the CoARC reception on Monday, July 13, 2015 from 5 pm – 6:30 pm at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, AZ, the site of the AARC's Summer Forum. We hope you or a representative from your program can be present at the CoARC reception on July 13<sup>th</sup> to receive this recognition. An invitation will be forthcoming allowing for two attendees from your program, so please be sure to RSVP for this event.

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence in respiratory care education.

Sincerely,

Kathy J. Rye, EdD, RRT-ACCS, FAARC  
President

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