

# COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

## RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

### COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE (CoARC)

In accordance with the [2021 CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition](#), Procedures-B.11, this summary provides the reason(s) for the recognition decision by the CHEA Board of Directors.

#### **Profile of Accrediting Organization**

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 447

#### **Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation**

*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)*

#### **CHEA Recognition Information**

History: Initial recognition by CHEA in September 2012

#### **Most Recent Recognition Action**

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2022

Decision: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded continuing CHEA-recognition for a term of seven-years with an Interim Report due at the midpoint of the recognition term (December 1, 2025).

#### **Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions**

CHEA Committee on Recognition Meeting, November 20-24, 2020: The CHEA Committee on Recognition approved the 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 Board of Directors awarded initial recognition for the maximum term of 10 years. The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

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.

Profile, scope and recognition information as of February 3, 2022