



COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

July 7, 2017

APPROVAL OF INTENT

Craig Wentworth, EdD, President
Respiratory Care Program
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RE: Assigned CoARC Program Number 200631

Dear Dr. Wentworth:

After review of your Letter of Intent Application and other required documentation, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) authorizes this Approval of Intent to establish an AAS Degree Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice Program at Southern Regional Technical College located in Thomasville, GA effective as of the above date. It is the determination of CoARC that the Program, thus far, has demonstrated compliance with the CoARC Accreditation Standards for the Profession of Respiratory Care (see www.coarc.com) and the policies/procedures of the CoARC. Please note that a qualified Program Director must be appointed and will be responsible for the remainder of the initiation of Accreditation process (CoARC Policy 2.023).

The maximum enrollment is tentatively approved at up to **1 cohort per calendar year of up to 24 students per cohort**, subject to revision following review of the Provisional Accreditation Self Study Report (PSSR) and on-site evaluation. Maximum enrollment is based on new enrollments only from January 1 to December 31 for a given year.

A Referee has been assigned to your Program:

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A Referee is a CoARC Board Member assigned to a Program to serve as the liaison between the Program and the Commission. The Referee's role is to provide consultation during the accreditation process, preparation and process of self-study reports; analyze all documents for compliance with the *Standards* and Accreditation Policies and Procedures; assist the Program to identify ways to meet those Standards; communicate with the Program concerning clarification of Program matters; and recommend appropriate accreditation action to the Commission.

Please familiarize yourself with Section 2.0 Initiation and Reaffirmation of Accreditation of the CoARC Accreditation Policies and Procedures Manual (see www.coarc.com), particularly Policies 2.022 and 2.024. The next steps in the review process will consist of the following:

- Review of the attached "Self-Study Report for Provisional Accreditation of a Base Program for Entry into RC Professional Practice" (PSSR Entry Base) due no later than **January 15, 2018**;
- Payment of the appropriate fee with submission of the PSSR (see www.coarc.com for fee schedule);
- When the Referee deems that the PSSR is acceptable, s/he will authorize the Executive Office to notify the Program's sponsor to submit a Site Visit Request Form (CoARC Policy 2.024C1);
- Following review of the On-Site evaluation and accreditation record, the Referee will submit a recommendation for action at the next scheduled CoARC Board meeting to either confer or Withhold Provisional Accreditation (CoARC Policy 2.024C3). [The conferral of an Approval of Intent does not guarantee a conferral of a Provisional Accreditation (CoARC Policy 2.022). A Board decision to deny Provisional Accreditation is subject to reconsideration and appeal as described in Policy 1.06];
- A conferral of Provisional Accreditation gives the Program the authority to admit its first class, which must occur within two (2) years from the date of Approval on Intent (CoARC Policy 2.024C3).

Please note that this Approval of Intent **expires two (2) years from the date issued**. Applicant programs must submit the Provisional Self Study Report (PSSR) within six (6) months of receiving the Approval of Intent. Failure to do so requires reapplication for accreditation following the process outlined in Section 2.0: Initiation and Reaffirmation of Accreditation and submission of all applicable fees (CoARC Policy 2.022).

Failure to submit the PSSR, CoARC Accreditation Services Application, and appropriate fees or failure to comply with the Accreditation Policies will result in a Withhold of Provisional Accreditation (CoARC Policy 2.024A1).

The Program Director should feel free to call or email me for any assistance needed during the remainder of the Initiation of Accreditation process at (817-283-2835 ext. 101) or tom@coarc.com.

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,



Thomas Smalling, PhD, RRT, RPFT, RPSGT, FAARC
Executive Director

Cc: Jim Glass, Dean
Tammy Miller, MEd, RRT, Program Director
Charles Cowles, Jr., MD, Referee (Emailed)