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Respiratory Therapy Program Student/Graduate Outcomes

CoARC accredits respiratory therapy education programs in the United States. To achieve this end, it utilizes an 'outcomes based' process. Programmatic outcomes are performance indicators that reflect the extent to which the educational goals of the program are achieved and by which program effectiveness is documented.

The link to student/graduate outcomes for our program and all other programs accredited by CoARC is **https://coarc.com/students/programmatic-outcomes-data/.**

Graduate Outcomes (2026 CoARC Annual Report)	2025– 2023 (3-Year Average)
Job placement	95%
CRT credentialing success	100%
TMC High Cut Score Pass Rate	100%
RRT credentialing success*	**100%**
Overall employer satisfaction	100%
Overall graduate satisfaction	100%
Retention (based on enrollment date, not graduation date)	86%

The Therapist Multiple-Choice (TMC) Examination and Clinical Simulation Examination are the professional credentialing examinations taken prior to January 2027 by graduates of CoARC accredited programs to earn the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential and Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential, which are offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

*** The American Association for Respiratory Care, CoARC, and the NBRC recognize the RRT credential as the "standard of excellence" for respiratory care professionals.**

The TMC Examination is designed to objectively measure essential knowledge, skills, and abilities required of entry-level respiratory therapists, as well as determine eligibility for the Clinical Simulation Examination. There are two established cut scores for the TMC Examination.

- If a candidate achieves the lower cut score, they earn the CRT credential.
- If a candidate achieves the higher cut score, they earn the CRT credential AND become eligible for the Clinical Simulation Examination.
- **Individuals who attempt and pass the TMC Examination at the higher cut score and attempt and pass the Clinical Simulation Examination earn the RRT credential.**