

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

RE: Program Number 200372

April 18, 2018

Chris Kallus, MEd, RRT, Program Director Respiratory Care Program Victoria College 2200 E Red River Victoria, TX 77901

Dear Mr. Kallus,

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 2017 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, retention, on-time graduation rate, and overall employer and graduate satisfaction. 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 Tuesday, July 17, 2018 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, San Antonio, TX (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 17th 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** when you receive your invitation.

The CoARC will not be taking pictures with awards recipients during the awards ceremony. Photo opportunities with the CoARC leadership will occur prior to the Awards Ceremony from 3:30pm to 5:15pm at the Grand Oaks Ballroom D.

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

Sincerely,

Allen Gustin Jr., MD, FCCP

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