



Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Special Commissioners' Meeting

October 22, 2021

3:00 PM EST

Register for the Zoom Meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlf-mgqz4vGdyeHsU2WzIXNHZHEV9Bg8ae>

The Zoom connection information will be sent to you after you register.

AGENDA

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | President Donald Balasa |
| II. Roll Call | Secretary Fred Lenhoff |
| III. Vote on Membership as a new Sponsoring Organization of JRC-DMS:
The International Contrast Ultrasound Society (ICUS) | President Donald Balasa |
| IV. Vote on Membership as a new Sponsoring Organization of the JRC-RC:
National Network of Health Career Schools in Two-Year Colleges (NN2) | President Donald Balasa |
| V. Adjourn | President Donald Balasa |

Sponsoring Organizations

August 31, 2021

American College of Cardiology

American College of Radiology

American Institute of
Ultrasound in Medicine

American Society of
Echocardiography

American Society of
Radiologic Technologists

Society of Diagnostic
Medical Sonography

Society for Vascular Surgery

Society for Vascular Ultrasound

Kathleen Megivern, JD

Executive Director

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

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Dear Ms. Megivern:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS) is formally requesting that the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) consider the addition of The International Contrast Ultrasound Society (ICUS) as a sponsoring organization to CAAHEP and the JRC-DMS.

The International Contrast Ultrasound Society (ICUS) is the only global medical society exclusively devoted to promoting the safe and appropriate utilization of contrast-enhanced ultrasound (CEUS) where medically indicated, in order to improve patient care worldwide.

A strong and respected voice for the CEUS field, ICUS is at the forefront of CEUS education, advocacy and communications — providing a unique grassroots focus on the best interests of patients.

ICUS offers free CEUS educational programs, both live and via the internet, along with free access to all CEUS references on the ICUS website and CEUS updates in the Weekly News Monitors (in English and Mandarin). In addition, ICUS is a respected CEUS resource for policy makers, health care providers, other ultrasound professionals, the media and the public.

Founded in 2008, ICUS has grown to more than 4,000 members in nearly 60 countries. Our diverse membership includes physicians, sonographers, nurses, scientists and other ultrasound imaging professionals, along with administrators, patients, the media and the public. Our members also bridge the fields of cardiology, radiology, vascular imaging, gastro-intestinal imaging, oncology, OB-GYN, hepatology and others medical subspecialties.

ICUS is a tax-exempt professional society operated under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Additional information on ICUS can be found on their website at <http://icus-society.org/>.

A formal letter from ICUS on the endorsement of the 2020 CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Diagnostic Medical Sonography will be forthcoming after their Board Meeting on September 9, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 443-973-3251 or magat@jrcdms.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerry Magat". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerry" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Magat".

Gerry Magat, MS
Executive Director

cc: Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA, CAAHEP President
Christopher Kramer, BA, RDCS, JRC-DMS Board of Directors Chair
Mary Lally, MS, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, IAC

Joint Review Committee

On Education in Respiratory Care ~ JRCRC

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September 23, 2021

Kathy Megivern, JD
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Dear Ms. Megivern:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Respiratory Care (JRCRC) requests the addition of the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two Year Colleges (NN2) as a sponsoring organization.

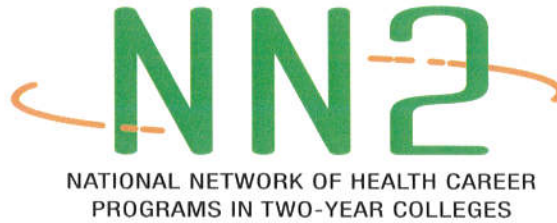
The proposed Standards have been endorsed by both NN2.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,



Jackie L. Long-Goding, PhD, RRT-NPS, FAARC
Executive Director



NN2Strong.com

November 2, 2020

Kathy Megivern

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CAAHEP

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Dear CAAHEP Board of Directors,

We are writing this letter to you to make you aware that NN2 intends to sponsor Joint Review Committee on Education in Respiratory Care (JRCJC).

The National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2) Board held robust discussions during the past year at our Board meetings regarding the Respiratory Therapist program accreditation issue. Some of these issues include the following:

- CoARC will no longer accredit any **new** two-year RT programs.
- The recent COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance and shortage of respiratory therapists.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 19% increase (higher than the mean) in the number of jobs from 2019-2029.
- Critical Access Hospitals (primarily located in rural areas) face challenges in providing respiratory care services (Casey, Evenson, et al.). Historically, two-year colleges respond to and meet the workforce needs of their local employers by starting new programs.
- Nearly 80% of the currently licensed accredited entry-level respiratory care programs are associate degree programs (CoARC, 2020).
- Graduates from associate degree programs had the same mean CRT credentialing success rate as graduates from baccalaureate degree programs (CoARC, 2020).
- Graduates from associate degree programs had the same mean RRT success rate as graduates from baccalaureate and master's programs (CoARC, 2020)

NN2 recognizes that our role is to support and advocate for health education in two-year colleges. As such, we believe that unless we act as a sponsor for the JRCRC, we are not representing our two-year

college membership. At this point in time, NN2 is formally requesting to become a sponsor of CAAHEP/JRCRC.

We are aware that JRCRC is in the process of seeking recognition of their accreditation body by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) so that graduates of JRCRC accredited programs are licensed to practice in the nation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions or concerns at 608.792.4867, neefediane@gmail.com or 616-485-1867 droose@glenoaks.edu.

Respectfully,



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<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/respiratory-therapists.htm>, Nov. 2, 2020

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. (2020). 2019 Report on Accreditation in Respiratory Care Education. <https://coarc.com>

Casey, M., Evenson, A., Moscovice, I., Wu, Z., Availability of Respiratory Care services in Critical Access and Rural Hospitals. University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center. (2020), <https://www.ruralhealthresearch.org/alerts/238>

Diane Neefe <neefediane@gmail.com>

12/4/2020 10:13 AM

JRCRC Standards

To Kathy Megivern <megivern@caahep.org> Copy Diane Roose <d Roose177@glenoaks.edu> •
jackie@thejrcrc.org • Carolyn <codaniel@earthlink.net>

Kathy

After consultation with the current NN2 President, I was asked to send this email, which serves as notification for CAAHEP and fRCRC that NN2 approves the standards set forth by JRCRC.

Respectfully,

Diane Osterhaus Neefe
Past-President NN2

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8/16/2021 1:09 PM

RE: NN2 endorsement for JRCRC

To codaniel@earthlink.net • Diane Roose <d Roose177@glenoaks.edu>

Good morning! Please submit the letter endorsing the Standards to me. I will need to include it in our request for a public hearing on the proposed Standards.

Thanks,

-Jackie

On August 16, 2021 11:29 AM codaniel@earthlink.net wrote:

Yes, please, Diane. Thank you! Carolyn

Sent from EarthLink Mobile mail

On 8/12/21, 2:56 PM, Diane Roose <d Roose177@glenoaks.edu> wrote:

Carolyn - Yes, the board voted to support the standards, do you need a formal letter sent to you, to CAAHEP?

I totally did not get you two names but I will.

Let me know about the letter.

Diane

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