

Committee on Accreditation for Anesthesia Technology Education (CoA-ATE)
COVID-19 Statement

CAAHEP-accredited and CoA-ATE Letter of Review programs are receiving advisories from their institutions and are in the process of planning and making decisions on how best to respond to the impact of COVID-19. The CoA-ATE is reviewing solutions for programs in determining how best to proceed with delivery of education to students. Of concern to our programs at this time are clinical rotations for student's adherence to practicum minimums and experience policies, especially those nearing graduation. Didactic instruction may include use of virtual technology and online learning or extending student learning as the situation warrants. For clinical experience, programs may consider utilizing alternate clinical placements or using the allowed 280 hours of simulation and laboratory as stated in the Transcript of Student Record for NCE.

There is no need to submit any paperwork to the CoA-ATE about changes made at this time; **however documentation of alternate didactic and clinical experience may be requested at a future date.**

Please be sure to keep the following:

- Documentation of the plan implemented by the institution/program, including modifications made to didactic, laboratory, and/or clinical delivery; and
- Documentation for each individual student whose progress was affected, including any modifications or extensions provided.

The CoA-ATE will cooperate with partner organizations to support the programs through this period of ambiguity. The CoA's have received support from CAAHEP and will continue to work within its recommendations. The CoA-ATE will meet this week to review the situation and will keep all current programs informed.

The CoA is here to assist with any concerns that arise and have the wellbeing of the students and programs with which it works as its priority.

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