



COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION
FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

July 19, 2024

Susan Donovan, PhD, President
Respiratory Care Program
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RE: Program Number 220281

Dear Dr. Donovan:

At its July 2024 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) voted to affirm **Continuing Accreditation** to the MS Degree Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice Program at Bellarmine University. The maximum enrollment is approved at **1 cohort per calendar year of up to 10 students per cohort**.

The recent accreditation review conducted by CoARC recognizes the Program's compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the Program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than **2029**.

In addition to the comprehensive evaluation, CoARC regularly monitors the Program's compliance with established outcomes assessment thresholds (Standard 3.07) through the Report of Current Status submitted annually by the Program as well as other documentation that may be requested. Please note that the 2025 Annual Report of Current Status (based on 2022-23-24 outcomes data) will be due by **July 1, 2025**.

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,

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Chief Executive Officer

cc: Heather Owens, PhD, RN, Dean
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