



Dear Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (BSRC) program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). We are delighted you have an interest in pursuing the BSRC in the School of Health Professions at UTHSCSA. Before submitting an application, we want to share some important news related to the Respiratory Care programs at UTHSCSA.

The Texas Higher Education Board (THECB) and the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) recently approved a new first professional Masters of Science in Respiratory Care (MSRC) program at UTHSCSA, which began classes in the fall of 2015. If you already have a bachelor's degree in any field of study and the necessary program pre-requisites, we strongly encourage you to apply directly to the MSRC program ([MSRC program web link](#)). If you do not already have a bachelor's degree, our BSRC program may be an excellent option for you.

We also need to inform you that since our program accreditation for the BSRC was transferred to the MSRC program, our accreditation agency has required a new application for the accreditation of the BSRC program be filed. **The accreditation application for the BSRC program has been completed and we anticipate receiving CoARC approval for the BSRC program in late spring or early summer of 2016 for classes beginning in August.** As noted, the MSRC program is fully accredited by the CoARC, and we do not anticipate any problems in receiving authorization to continue to offer the BSRC option.

Because of this CoARC requirement, however, offers of **acceptance into the BSRC program will be provisional until approval from CoARC is received.** Should we not receive CoARC approval to offer the BSRC, we will not be able to begin a new class in August, of 2016, and any provisional acceptances into the BSRC program will be withdrawn.

In summary, we fully expect to receive CoARC approval for the BSRC program later this year. Until then, any offers of admission to the BSRC program will be provisional. We do not expect any problems regarding approval of the BSRC program, as the MSRC program is fully accredited by CoARC and both programs meet the same standards. We will certainly keep all BSRC program applicants informed regarding BSRC program accreditation status. Also, do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Thank you again for your interest in the BSRC program and please open the link [HERE](#) to begin your application to the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care at UTHSCSA.

Sincerely,

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