

**Recognition Application for Quality**

**International Respiratory Care Education**

***These Guidelines were developed by International & American Educators and clinicians and approved by the***

***INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESPIRATORY CARE.***

# Recognition of an Online Program

The applicant needs only to answer three essential questions for IERS reviewers and the Executive Committee of the IERS to award recognition at the online program level. The three questions that need to be answered in the format provided are as follows:

1. What do you intend to teach?
2. How do you intend to teach it?
3. How will you know you taught it?

Definition of ONLINE PROGRAM LEVEL 3: For IERS recognition an online program is an RC educational activity of any duration that does not purport to teach the same skill set each time the online program is offered using similar content and instructors with the same instructional goals. For example: one-day, two-day, or three-week educational experiences would fall in this category of recognition, especially if the theme/content/objectives were changed or significantly different each time it was offered. It would most likely have goals that are more general respiratory care knowledge as opposed to programs or schools that would have more specific/complex Respiratory care skills & competencies.

IERS approval is granted to a resident sponsor of an online program for the one country in which the RC education is delivered and from which the application is submitted. It is not possible at this time to award IERS approval for multi-country applications.

**Once the application is complete, it may be submitted via email, regular mail service, or any other form of digital(cloud links) or hard copy(FedX, UPS, etc.) transfer. The initial application fee is due at the time of submission of the application. The Online Program Sponsor/Applicant must fill in all the required (\*) fields below and may type or paste the appropriate information as it is requested:**

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Online Program Sponsor(s):

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| **Paste or type here: (Sponsor, e.g. Name of the institution or organization(s)):** |

Contact information of the individual who completed the application(s):

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| **Paste or type here: (Name & contact information of the individual who completed the application: full name & email address):** |

Exact name (Title) of the offering:

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| **Paste or type here: (e.g. "New Concepts in Mechanical Ventilation"):** |

Country, City, Province:

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| **Paste or type here: (Type or Paste the exact name of the city or Province and country location):** |

Venue:

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| **Paste or type here: (Type or Paste the exact name of the Hotel/Convention Center/College or University/Facility):** |

Exact Dates:

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| **Paste or type here: (Type or Paste exact dates; day, month, year ):** |

**You must meet or exceed the following guidelines to secure recognition of your RC online program by IERS:**

**I. What Do You Intent to teach?**

**A. Online Program Description** Describe the length and type of instructional unit for the RC educational activity. Give the number of days, and hours of RC online instruction, and/or evaluation activities. As an example, it may say:

*“A two-day combination of online lecture and interactive workshops, with 6 hours of online lecture and interactive online workshops per day for a total of 12 hours of educational activities.”*

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| **Paste or type the online program description here:** |

1. The outline must include a list specifying the date, day, topic, speaker, location, activity, and length of each educational activity.

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1. Provide examples of test and evaluation strategies for participants as well as post-program evaluations.

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| **Paste or type the online program test examples, strategy, and post-program evaluation tools here:** |

**B. Program Goal:**

1. Describe the single most important program goal, comprehensive competency, or general behavioral objective that best describes the overall educational goal of the program. It can be fairly specific e.g. monitor hemodynamic devices, record results, and make recommendations, or it can be more general, e.g. Increase the practitioners' understanding of hemodynamic monitoring.

*In either of the above cases, you must then provide the following outcome-oriented and measurable information about your planned instruction:*

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| **Paste or type the online program goal here:** |

**C. Supporting Instructional Objectives:**

1. Describe the specific objectives that you intend to achieve, matched to the overriding goal described above for each lecture, and other online educational activity you have planned. These objectives must be written in a criterion-referenced manner describing the level of outcome achievement expected.

**e.**g. The attendees will be able to identify the basic parameters and their use in hemodynamic monitoring of a patient on mechanical ventilation with ARDS;

**e.**g. The attendees will be able to manage simulated patients with ARDS on mechanical ventilators by recording and making modifications using hemodynamic monitoring data with 95% accuracy on the post-program comprehensive 5-case computerized clinical simulations.

*The objectives, as you can see, may be general or specific, but in either case, they must be measurable outcome-oriented instructional objectives.*

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| **Paste or type instructional objectives here:** |

**D. Personnel**

The sponsor must appoint sufficient faculty and staff with the necessary qualifications to perform the functions required to achieve the program’s stated goals and objectives.

Provide a list of program personnel and their respective qualifications to perform their roles in the boxes below:

**1. Faculty, Staff, and administrative Personnel**

**a) Administrative Personnel**

An individual must be designated as the primary administrator for the operations of the program. This individual may be a member of the program faculty or staff.

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**b) Faculty**

Individuals appointed to the faculty must have appropriate credentials and expert knowledge in the content area being taught. Faculty must also maintain high ethical standards and professional behavior at all times.

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**c) Staff**

Program staff must be professionally qualified to fulfill their designated program responsibilities.

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**II. How Do You Intend To Teach It?**

1. **Instructional Strategies**

Use the topic outline from above and describe the instructional strategy for each topic, i.e. lecture, online learning experiences, patient simulations, interactive workshops and assignments, etc.

1. **Strategies matched topics and objectives.**

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| **Paste or type a description of your instructional strategies by topic in your program here:** |

1. **Special instructional tools.**

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| **Paste or type a description of special instructional tools you are using i.e. Ventilator test lung simulators, HPS model and manufacturer, IPADS, etc. (The box will expand to accommodate all text.\*):** |

**B. Publications and Disclosure**

1. Advertisements, brochures, announcements, catalogs, publications, and internet web pages must accurately reflect the program offered. Name, statement, logo, and any statements referenced to the AARC must have prior approval before they may be used.

2. Participants should be informed in writing of the following: schedule of instruction dates, cost, criteria for successful completion, location, faculty, and any policies and processes required of participants during or after the program.

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| **Paste or type advertisements, brochures, announcements, catalogs, publications, and internet web pages here. (The box will expand to accommodate all text.\*):** |

**C. Lawful and Non-discriminatory Practices**

All activities associated with the program must comply with the applicant country’s rules and regulations.

**D. Safeguards**

The health and safety of patients, students, and faculty associated with the educational activities of the participants must be adequately safeguarded.

**E. Participant Records**

Satisfactory records must be maintained for participant attendance, admission, advisement, counseling, and evaluation. Grades and/or continuing education credits for courses must be recorded and permanently maintained by the sponsor in a safe and accessible location.

**F. Substantive Change**

If the program is repeated each year with different content the sponsor must re-apply for recognition. If the program is repeating the teaching of the same skills each year, the school level of recognition may be sought. In either case, if during the year there is a substantive change(s) in the program the sponsor must report this to the recognition agency before the changed program is offered again to retain its recognition status.

**G. Clinical Agreements**

If clinical experience is required as part of the program, documentation must be provided and maintained by the sponsor.

**III. How Will You Know You Taught It?**

a. ***Evaluation Strategy:*** Describe your evaluation strategy for participants as well as for evaluation of the program’s effectiveness. Include an example of your post-program evaluation tool.

*Evaluation of participants and or the program may be accomplished using various testing techniques matched to the instruction or by simply verifying the attendance of participants.*

*If evaluation techniques are used, faculty should demonstrate that the testing methods chosen are consistent with the objectives and competencies being tested by content or description.*

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| **Paste or type a description of your evaluation strategy here (The box will expand to accommodate all text.):** |

1. **Evaluation Instruments:**  Provide an example of each of the types of evaluation instruments you intend to use in your participant evaluation strategy, if any. It may be written tests, computerized tests and simulations, observational tools, etc.

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| **Paste or type examples of your participant evaluation instruments here (The box will expand to accommodate all text.):** |

1. A post-program survey of participants should be conducted to measure participant satisfaction with stated and achieved goals and objectives.

*All data will be subject to posting on the IERS website before and after the delivery of the program.*

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| **Paste or type post-program outcome data here. (The box will expand to accommodate all text.):**  (Please send program outcome data to Dr. Arzu Ari, Director of IERS) |

Presently post-program outcome data collected by the providers, sponsors, and leaders of the program may be reported via email to IERS (Sinopoli@hotmail.com) within 60 days of completion of the program.

Note: It is expected that in the next 2 years with the input of providers, IERS will publish appropriate outcome data on the IERS site for informational purposes to those looking for quality respiratory care educational activities anywhere in the world.

1. **Post-program evaluation tools**

Provide an example of your topic, speaker, objectives, and post-program evaluation instrument.

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**Post-program attendance data:** Attendance data should be sent within 60 days of the online program delivery. Include at minimum the following fields of data: Participant name, profession (physician, Respiratory care practitioner, Physical Therapist, Nurse, etc.) credentials (MD, RRT, RN, PT, etc.), and AARC member number if applicable.

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1. Evaluation strategy should include a description of how participant performance, opinion, and attendance will be assessed before, during, and /or after the online program.

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