



CSRT CACERT ANNUAL REPORT

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Since becoming a formal CSRT committee in early 2014, CACERT has worked on several priorities:

I. Strategic Planning

A strategic planning initiative was implemented in May 2014. Representation from each education program participated in a strategic planning workshop, facilitated by Ray Hubble.

A pre-workshop survey had been distributed to establish a statement of purpose for CACERT – a number of suggestions was put forward by CACERT members and the following statement of purpose was suggested: *“CACERT is an organization that develops and promotes standards and best practices for respiratory therapy education, in a national context.”* This statement of purpose needs to be ratified by CACERT and the CSRT Board of Directors.

The following short term goals were established:

- Advocate for representation and participation of educator(s) on the steering committee for the development of the national competency profile
- Develop mechanisms and processes for sharing relevant information
- Promote sharing of resources once an established mechanism has been established
- Poll participating education programs for information that they would like to share and be willing to share for inclusion in an electronic sharing format.

The following long term goals were also discussed:

- Work in collaboration with the CBRC to develop a practice examination for entry to practice
- Establish a sustainable funding model
- Develop and implement a national preceptor training program
- Develop a standardized tool to evaluate student attainment of NCPs and essential skills

II. Position Statement

A draft position statement on “Effective Preceptorship” was drafted with the assistance of the CSRT Executive Director. This draft position statement will be reviewed and discussed at the next CACERT meeting.

III. Meeting with National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies

Every year the National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy hosts a meeting of stakeholders involved in the education process. At the May 2014 meeting, a discussion was held on the update to the national competency profile. The National Alliance informed CACERT that they were in the preliminary planning phases for the NCP and that they were looking at developing a national competency framework that will be wider in scope. Regular communication and discussions with the NARTRB is required to ensure that the next NCP provides clear direction to educators with regards to the competencies required for entry-to-practice.

