

As 2022 approaches, the CoAEMSP is finalizing the CoAEMSP 2020 Annual Report that programs will complete and need to submit to the CoAEMSP by May 15, 2022. Updates on the annual report include retention and satellites.

## RETENTION

For outcomes reporting on the CoAEMSP Annual Report, the CoAEMSP Board of Directors recently adopted a new method for determining **retention**. The new method for establishing the number of students enrolled in each cohort and to have ALL programs reporting **retention** using the same method was selected based on reviewing the best practices of other health professions accrediting organizations, debating different approaches, and lengthy discussions by CoAEMSP Board members. Therefore, all CAAHEP accredited and CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR) programs will use the following method to determine the enrollment number reported for each cohort.

Beginning with the 2020 CoAEMSP Annual Report, all programs must calculate retention based upon the number of students enrolled after completing 10% of the program's advertised total clock hours (e.g., 10% of 1,200 total clock hours = 120 hours; students completing more than 120 hours will be considered enrolled and counted in the calculation of the retention outcome). This includes all core Paramedic coursework (does not include any prerequisites such as English, anatomy and physiology, etc.). Core paramedic coursework encompasses all phases of the program, including didactic, lab, clinical, field experience, and capstone field internship.

CAAHEP accredited and CoAEMSP LoR programs will continue to be accountable to their sponsor for *institutional* retention policies.

## **SATELLITES**

Another update to the 2020 CoAEMSP Annual Report is that programs with active satellites must report each satellite cohort separately. The purpose of this revision to the CoAEMSP Annual Report is to assist programs in better identifying each cohort's overall performance.

Therefore, the Annual Report will include a separate tab titled "Satellites." Programs utilizing satellites in 2020 will select the "Satellites" tab and report the enrollment data, Written Exam Results data, and Positive Placement data for each satellite cohort on this new tab.

The CoAEMSP Annual Report will automatically pull the Outcomes results from the Satellite tab and tabulate the results in the last cohort column on the main report page for Retention, Written Exam Results, and Positive Placement. The CoAEMSP



Annual Report will tally the data entered for the primary campus cohorts with the data for the Satellite cohorts for a final Outcomes result in the last column of each table for Retention, Written Exam, and Positive Placement. Programs do not complete any calculations; programs only need to enter the data as directed for the primary campus cohorts and the Satellite cohorts.