



**Commission on Dental Accreditation
Unofficial Report of Major Actions
August 6-7, 2015**

- 1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 429 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs.

A total of 6 new programs were granted accreditation:

Educational Program	Number
Dental Assisting	3
Dental Hygiene	1
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinical Fellowships Oncology	2

Eight (8) dental assisting education programs and two (2) dental hygiene education programs received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in February 2016 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards, is submitted prior to that time.

The Commission discontinued the accreditation of eleven (11) dental assisting, one (1) dental hygiene, two (2) dental laboratory technology, one (1) oral and maxillofacial surgery clinical fellowship cosmetic, one (1) advanced education in general dentistry and one (1) general practice residency education program, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.

- 2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following accreditation standards:
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs, Standard 4-6 to include instruction on personal debt management and financial planning, with implementation July 1, 2016;
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs, Standards 1-7, Community Resources; 2-6, Instruction; 2-17, Dental Sciences; and 5-3, Emergency Management, with immediate implementation;
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, Standard 2-18 related to additional functions allowed by the state dental board or regulatory agency, with implementation January 1, 2016;
 - Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, with immediate implementation;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, relocation of Standard 1-1 Ethics and Professionalism to Standard 4, Standard 1-2, 1-3, 2-2.1 and 2-3, with immediate implementation;
 - Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics, with immediate implementation; and

- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Prosthodontics, with implementation July 1, 2016.
3. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment, including as applicable hearings at the ADEA Annual Meeting, the ADA Annual Session, and appropriate meetings of the sponsoring organizations:
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, proposed revision to Standard 3-6 related to faculty to student ratios, with circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2016 for consideration at the August 2016 meeting of the Commission. The Commission will also conduct a hearing at the ADHA Annual Session in mid-June 2016.
 4. The Commission directed that a process be implemented for accreditation of dental therapy education programs following determination that criteria #2 and #5 of the *Principles and Criteria Eligibility of Allied Dental Programs for Accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation* are satisfied. The Commission further directed establishment of an ad hoc committee to develop the implementation process for accreditation of dental therapy education programs, including but not limited to creation of application and related accreditation documents, identification of individuals to serve as Commission site visitors in the discipline, training of site visitors, and assigning review of dental therapy education programs to a CODA Review Committee. Once accreditation materials are fully developed and publicized, applications for accreditation may be received by the Commission. The Commission will review a report of the ad hoc committee's progress in Winter 2016.
 5. The Commission directed establishment of an ad hoc committee to further study a request received from the Special Care Dentistry Association that the Commission establish a process of accreditation for advanced general dentistry education programs in special care dentistry. The Commission's ad hoc committee will assess the request based upon the Commission's *Policies and Procedures for Accreditation of Programs in Areas of Advanced Training in General Dentistry*, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2016.
 6. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and took several actions, including:
 - Directing that the Commission submit a resolution to the 2015 ADA House of Delegates requesting that the Joint Advisory Committee on International Accreditation (JACIA) become a committee of the Commission on Dental Accreditation, with budget allocations for the Joint Advisory Committee incorporated within the Commission's annual budget.
 - Directing that the Commission submit a resolution to the 2015 ADA House of Delegates requesting that Commission on Dental Accreditation fees for international consulting services outside the United States be allocated to the Commission's Research and Development Fund.

7. The Commission reviewed the report of the Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning committee and took several actions, including:
 - Directing submission of a resolution to the 2015 ADA House of Delegates requesting the House authorize the transfer of JACIA from the current structure as a joint ADA-CODA advisory committee, to a Standing Committee of the Commission, including budgetary oversight of the JACIA's revenue and expenses within the Commission's operating budget, with no change in the JACIA membership. (See Finance, above)
 - Directing submission of a resolution to the 2015 ADA House of Delegates requesting that the House approve proposed revisions to the *Rules* of the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
 - Directing submission of a resolution to the 2015 ADA House of Delegates requesting that the House approve a proposed revision to the ADA *Bylaws*, Section 130, Duties, to delete from duty "e" the phrase "either through or in cooperation with the Council on Dental Education and Licensure."
 - Directing submission of a resolution to the ADA Board of Trustees, urging the Board to provide an informational session on the ADA-CODA relationship during the 2015 ADA meeting, with support from CODA leadership and staff.
 - Directing CODA Staff, with QASP Committee oversight, to develop and administer a short survey of the primary communities of interest regarding whether CODA's long-term goal of transitioning to an operational structure where it has independent authority to meet its mission would be supported by the communities of interest.

8. The Commission adopted the following revised policies with immediate implementation:
 - Policy Statement on Accreditation of Off-Campus Sites, allowing dental anesthesiology programs to use mobile ambulatory settings and rotations without requiring prior CODA approval of these settings.
 - Policy on Information on the Commission's Website.
 - Policy on Progress Reports.
 - Policy on Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs.
 - Policy on Programs Declining a Re-Evaluation Visit.
 - Policy on Interruption of Education.
 - Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Specialty Programs.
 - Policy on Voluntary Discontinuance of Accreditation.
 - Policy on Termination of Educational Programs Accredited by the Commission and Teach out Plans.
 - Policy Statement on Principles of Ethics in Programmatic Advertising and Student Recruitment.
 - Policy on Personally Identifiable Student Information.
 - Policy on Combined Certificate and Degree Programs in Advanced Dental Education.
 - Policy on Qualifications of a Program Director for a Combined Advanced Education Program.
 - Policy on Customized Survey Data Requests.



- Policy on Requests for Contact Distribution Lists.
 - Conflict of Interest Policy.
 - Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment.
 - Policies and Procedures for Accreditation of Programs in Areas of Advanced Training in General Dentistry.
 - Policy on Criteria for Nomination of Site Visitors.
9. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology and took several actions, including:
- Directing Commission staff to work with ADA IT staff to secure five (5) domain names and to consider future implementation based on the CODA strategic plan.
 - Directing Commission staff to continue building training resource content and webinar topics for specific audiences.
 - Directing CODA staff to monitor progress toward analysis, selection and implementation of an electronic accreditation business tool.
10. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Nominations and approved nominees to fill vacancies for discipline specific positions and non-discipline specific positions on its Review Committees beginning November 2015 and one (1) public Appeal Board position beginning November 2015.
11. The Commission elected Dr. Karen West as chair of the Commission and Dr. Mark Livingston as vice-chair of the Commission for 2015-2016.
12. The Commission acknowledged the following Commissioners whose terms will expire in October 2015: Dr. Byron “Pete” Benson, Dr. Thomas Cangialosi, Dr. William Dodge, Dr. Kevin Donly, Dr. James Kolstad, Dr. Charlotte Royeen, Ms. Kathi Shepherd, Dr. James Sherrard, Dr. Ivan Torres-Nazario, and Dr. Perry Tuneberg (chair).

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