

Commission on Dental Accreditation
Unofficial Report of Major Actions
January 31-February 1, 2013

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 266 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs.

Initial accreditation was granted to a total of nine programs:

Educational Program	Number
Advanced Education in General Dentistry	1
Dental Assisting	1
General Practice Residency	1
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	1
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	1
Orofacial Pain	3
Prosthodontics	1

Six (6) dental assisting education programs and five (5) dental hygiene education programs received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in August 2013 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards, is submitted prior to that time. The Commission discontinued the accreditation of five (5) dental assisting education programs and one (1) general practice residency program, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.

2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following accreditation standards:
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced General Dentistry Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology, with implementation July 1, 2015;
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs, with implementation January 1, 2014;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Dental Public Health, with implementation January 1, 2014;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Endodontics, with implementation January 1, 2014;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, with implementation January 1, 2014;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, with implementation January 1, 2014;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Periodontics, with implementation January 1, 2014; and
 - Standard 5, Eligibility and Selection, of the Common Standards for the Dental Specialty Education Programs, with implementation as the specialty standards are revised.

3. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment, including open hearings at the ADA Annual Session, the ADEA Annual Session, and appropriate meetings of the sponsoring organizations:
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education in General Dentistry, for circulation to the communities of interest until December 1, 2013 for consideration at the January 2014 meeting of the Commission;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education in General Practice Residency, for circulation to the communities of interest until December 1, 2013 for consideration at the January 2014 meeting of the Commission;
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (Standards 2-1.3, 4-3, 4-9, and definitions for “month” and “Board Certification”) for circulation to the communities of interest until December 1, 2013 for consideration at the January 2014 meeting of the Commission; and
4. The Commission approved an increase in 2014 annual accreditation fees to \$6000 for predoctoral programs; \$1500 for dental assisting, dental hygiene and oral and maxillofacial surgery programs; \$1050 for dental laboratory technology programs; and \$1000 for all advanced education programs except oral and maxillofacial surgery. The Commission also approved a policy to be implemented in 2014 to double annual fees in the year in which a program’s regular accreditation site visit is scheduled. The Commission approved an increase in application fees for 2014 to \$50,000 for predoctoral programs and \$15,000 for all other programs. The Commission approved an increase in the administrative fee for special focused site visits to \$4000, effective immediately.
5. The Commission reviewed the report of the Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning committee regarding the request from the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA) for an additional appointment to the Board of Commissioners. The Commission recommended that additional allied Commissioners not be added to the 30-member Commission at this time and that ADHA be informed of this decision.
6. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review and directed the definition of program sponsorship not be expanded at this time. The Commission reaffirmed its position on program sponsorship in accord with current accreditation standards. The Commission also directed that international training sites affiliated with Commission-accredited postdoctoral programs not be approved at this time. The Commission believed there were many issues to consider before moving forward with approving international training sites affiliated with Commission-accredited postdoctoral programs, including responsibility/liability for training programs in foreign countries, cultural and language differences, logistics of time differences, faculty qualifications of faculty, and data on the success of the predoctoral international program.

7. The Commission adopted the following revised policies:
 - Policy on Visiting Committee Members; removing the word “possible” in the introduction of the list of conflicts of interest for visiting committee members.
 - Policy on Simultaneous Service; including standing and review committee members in the simultaneous service policy
 - Policy on Silent Observers on Site Visits; clarification of the “silent” role of observers who are from another dental education program on site visits
 - Policy on Review Committee Structure; clarification that at least two nominees must be submitted for consideration and clarification that the member may serve multiple terms on the same or different committee with one year waiting period between terms for a maximum of two terms total served.
 - Policy on Required Record of Complaints; revision based on U.S. Department of Education requirement that the program maintain a record of all student complaints and that the record of complaints be reviewed during a site visit
 - Policy on Selection Criteria for Appeal Board Members; clarification that discipline-specific appeal board members may be program directors, faculty, or practitioners
 - Policy on Off-Campus Sites, with development of a supplemental Guideline document, providing further clarification on categories of off-campus sites and how sites must be reported to the Commission
8. The Commission approved the inclusion of a standard for faculty training in educational methodology for all disciplines that do not currently have a standard in this area. The accreditation standards in endodontics, periodontics, and allied programs in dental assisting, dental hygiene, and dental laboratory technology already include sufficient language in this area.
9. The Commission reviewed the report of the Commission’s Subcommittee on ADA Report and Recommendations, noting a suggestion was made to allow review committees to assign a former content expert committee member when recusal of an individual with content expertise diminishes the quorum of content experts on the committee. The Commission referred this topic to the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review.
10. The Commission reviewed a staff report on document management procedures related to regulations on protected health information and personally identifiable information and referred this matter to its Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review for further study.
11. The Commission received a report from the Task Force on Development of Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs and directed that the proposed accreditation standards be circulated until December 1, 2013 for comment from the communities of interest, including open hearings at the ADEA, ADHA, ADAA and ADA annual session. Comments on the standards will be considered at the January 2014 Commission meeting. The Commission will also be soliciting comments from the communities of interest related to the program track for dental therapy. The proposed

standards are presented as a non-dental hygiene track, but the standards could be modified to support a dental hygiene program track.

12. The Commission received a report from the Joint Advisory Committee on International Accreditation (JACIA), noting that the JACIA recommended King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, be allowed to pursue accreditation by the Commission. The Commission directed that the Predoctoral Education Review Committee and Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review make recommendations to the Commission on the number of site visits for international programs in their initial application process.
13. The Commission directed that the Commission Director work with the Finance Committee and Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Committee to develop a prospective operational budget plan which includes: a) workforce analysis and recommendations on staffing, b) professional development plans; c) adequate technology available to support the Commission, d) other best practices to support the Commission's business; and e) information which will be added to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the American Dental Association.

Commission Members: Dr. Byron "Pete" Benson, Dr. Michael Biermann, Ms. Kristi Schmitt Burr, Dr. Thomas Cangialosi, Dr. Eric Carlson, Ms. Elizabeth Curran, Dr. Geri Ann DiFranco, Dr. William Dodge, Dr. Kevin Donly, Mr. Joseph Eliason, Dr. Lorraine Gagliardi, Mr. Robert Giasolli, Dr. Milton Glicksman, Dr. Henry Greenwell, Dr. Stan Hardesty, Dr. Richard Kahn, Dr. Kent Knoernschild (chair), Dr. William Leffler, Dr. Ana Karina Mascarenhas, Dr. Judith Messura (vice-chair), Dr. Brad Neville, Dr. Yilda Rivera-Nazario, Dr. Charlotte Royeen, Dr. William Schindler, Dr. Steven Schonfeld, Ms. Kathi Shepherd, Dr. James Sherrard, Dr. Perry Tuneberg, Dr. Karen West, and Dr. John Williams.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. Dennis Engel, Ninth District Trustee.

Mr. Joseph Eliason, Dr. W. Stan Hardesty, Dr. Steven Schonfeld, and Dr. James Sherrard were unable to attend the meeting.