



## COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

### **Mission, Vision and Values**

#### ***Mission***

The Commission on Dental Accreditation serves the public and dental professions by developing and implementing accreditation standards that promote and monitor the continuous quality and improvement of dental education programs.

#### ***Vision***

The Commission on Dental Accreditation is a globally recognized leader for accrediting educational programs in the dental professions.

#### ***Values***

The Commission is committed to:

- Collegiality
- Consistency
- Integrity
- Quality
- Transparency

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### **2022-2026 Areas of Strategic Priority**

#### **Accreditation Process and Outcomes**

- Viability and impact of the accreditation process
- Global accreditation
- Technology for the accreditation process

#### **Organizational Effectiveness**

- Long term continued financial self-sufficiency
- Technology for communication, internal processes
- Human Resources capacity
- Future structure, including size, of the Commission and new dental discipline(s)

#### **Confidence in Accreditation and the Commission's Reputation**

- Communication and messaging strategies and platforms
- Analysis and demonstration of the outcomes and impact of accreditation
- Involvement of communities of interest



**Area of Strategic Priority: Accreditation Process and Outcomes**

Goals	Strategies
<p>The Commission’s process of accreditation is viewed by programs as a valuable resource in guiding continuous programmatic improvements.</p>	<p>Foster the real value of the accreditation process to programs.</p>
	<p>Review and develop mechanisms to increase program appreciation of the value of accreditation, including appreciation for the process of standards development.</p>
	<p>Provide greater guidance to eligible programs in the accreditation process through enhanced technology usage (electronic accreditation) and mapping processes, a library of tools, expanding resources, and improved templates.</p>
<p>The Commission continues to be the trustworthy accrediting agency for all dental education programs with communities of interest, including licensing entities.</p>	<p>Monitor licensure requirements in the United States and Canada.</p>
	<p>Educate the licensure community on the value of Commission accreditation.</p>
<p>The Commission supports and guides the process for U.S. and international program accreditation.</p>	<p>Survey programs to determine if our approach is comprehensive.</p>
	<p>Foster and maintain relationships with international programs and organizations.</p>



**Area of Strategic Priority: Organizational Effectiveness**

Goals	Strategies
<p>The Commission has continued financial self-sufficiency to carry out its activities related to the Commission’s business purpose and operations.</p>	<p>Develop resources to cover emergency expenses, unforeseen circumstances, strategic initiatives, and have appropriate autonomous access to these resources.</p>
	<p>Continue to establish robust and financially sustainable processes to accredit U.S. and international programs to improve dental education worldwide.</p>
<p>The Commission is efficient in managing the accreditation processes, both internal and external.</p>	<p>Review and streamline current internal and external accreditation processes to realize financial efficiencies.</p>
	<p>Review and refine electronic processes for submission of materials from programs.</p>
	<p>Review and refine electronic processes for material review by Review Committees and the Commission.</p>
<p>The Commission’s human and operational resource capacity reflects the skill sets needed to support its strategic and operational needs.</p>	<p>Review and build human (staff and volunteer) and operational resource capacity to meet the current and future demands of the Commission.</p>
<p>The Commission’s structure meets the changing environment of dental education and practice.</p>	<p>Initiate and lead the discussion with communities of interest to evaluate the structure of the Commission with regard to representation from the communities of interest (for example, organize a summit).</p>
	<p>Continually evaluate committee structures.</p>
	<p>Monitor the dental education environment for changes that may affect the Commission’s structure.</p>



**Area of Strategic Priority: Confidence in Accreditation and the Commission’s Reputation**

Goals	Strategies
The Commission regularly assesses its communication, messaging strategies, and platforms to enhance its impact.	Obtain a baseline for communication and messaging.
	Develop electronic platforms to deliver messaging across communities of interest.
	Enhance communication on a regular basis from Commission staff to governmental agencies (Federal, State and Local).
The Commission consistently tracks analysis and demonstration of the outcomes and impact of accreditation.	Study the accreditation process using appropriate strategies, including engaging with an outside expert consultant.
The Commission effectively involves its communities of interest in the work of the Commission.	Conduct presentations at major professional meetings, and increase opportunities for involvement through workshops and virtual platforms.
	Develop webinars, informational graphics, and training materials for programs and site visitors.
	Enhance communication via synchronous and asynchronous sessions.