



**Commission on Dental Accreditation
Unofficial Report of Major Actions
August 10-11, 2023**

1. The Commission on Dental Accreditation reviewed accreditation reports and took 450 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs and recorded seven (7) mail ballots on dental assisting, dental hygiene, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and oral and maxillofacial surgery (fellowship) education programs.

A total of 12 new programs were granted accreditation:

Educational Program	Number
Predoctoral Dental Education	1
Dental Hygiene	3
Dental Assisting	2
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Fellowship)	2
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics	1
Pediatric Dentistry	3

Five (5) dental assisting, one (1) dental hygiene, one (1) general practice residency, and one (1) pediatric dentistry programs received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in February 2024 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards or Commission policy, is submitted prior to that time.

The Commission affirmed the reported voluntary discontinuance effective date or planned closure date of six (6) dental assisting, one (1) advanced education in general dentistry, four (4) general practice residency, and one (1) oral and maxillofacial surgery (fellowship) programs at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.

2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following Accreditation Standards:
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs (Standards 2-7 and 3-6), with immediate implementation.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (new Standard 4-16), with an implementation date of July 1, 2024.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain (new Standard 2-10), with an implementation date of July 1, 2024.
3. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment including, as applicable, hearings conducted in conjunction with the October 2023 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting (Fall CODA Hearing) and March 2024 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session (Spring CODA Hearing):
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry (related to program sponsor and authority to operate),

with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.

- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Residency and Fellowship) (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Residency) (related to various standards), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (Residency and Fellowship) (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Prosthodontics (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities

- of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain (related to program sponsor and authority to operate), with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2024 for consideration at the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.
4. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and took the following actions:
- Directed the addition of one (1) full-time staff in the Commission's 2024 annual operating budget.
 - Rescinded the \$25 Administrative Fund fee scheduled for 2024, and direct that in 2024 there be no (\$0) Administrative Fund fee applied to CODA-accredited dental and dental-related education programs.
5. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review, and took the following actions:
- Adopted the following revised policies within its Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures Manual, with immediate implementation:
 - Confidentiality Policy
 - Policy on Simultaneous Service
 - Non-Discrimination Policy
 - Guidelines for Managing Program Files
 - Accreditation Status Definitions
 - Criteria for Consideration of an Application for Accreditation
 - Site Visitors
 - Materials Available from the Commission
 - Information on the Commission's Website
 - Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs
 - Policy on Preparation and Submission of Documents to the Commission
 - Due Process Related to Appeal of Accreditation Status Decisions
 - Review Committees and Review Committee Meetings
 - Commission and Commission Meetings
 - Policy on Temporary Use of Alternative Site Visit Methods
6. The Commission reviewed the informational report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology and noted the Committee will distribute a Communications Survey to the Commission's communities of interest in Fall 2023.

7. The Commission considered the Report of the Standing Committee on Nominations, and approved nominations to fill vacancies for discipline specific positions and non-discipline specific positions on its Review Committees and the Commission, beginning Fall 2023.
8. The Commission considered the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards and took the following actions: 1) directed there be no development of a policy or process for rationale that must be followed when revising Accreditation Standards related to faculty to student ratios; 2) directed the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards be provided to the Review Committees that oversee dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental laboratory technology, and dental therapy education for further consideration and review, including determination if revisions of Accreditation Standards are warranted, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2024; and 3) directed that the Commission on Dental Accreditation send a copy of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards to the state dental associations.
9. The Commission considered the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Volunteerism and took the following actions: 1) directed continued review of volunteerism through the Standing Committee on Finance, in conjunction with the financial comparative analysis study; and 2) directed Commission staff to communicate the importance of volunteerism to the communities of interest, and to explore additional methods through which the Commission may express appreciation to its volunteers, including offering continuing education, issuing certificates of appreciation, or other methods, as available.
10. The Commission considered the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Site Visit Methods and directed that the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Site Visits be transitioned to a standing committee of the Commission named the Standing Committee on Site Visit Process and Training, effective immediately.
11. The Commission considered the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and directed the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and Mega Issues to develop periodic ongoing professional development sessions for CODA Commissioners and Review Committee members, addressing topics related to dental education and accreditation.
12. Additional actions taken by the Commission:
 - The Commission adopted and directed immediate implementation of the proposed new Guidelines for Requesting an Increase in Enrollment in a Dental Hygiene Education Program.
 - The Commission adopted and directed immediate implementation of a revision to the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education Programs, which permits the Review Committee Chair to review and approve temporary, one-time only increases in enrollment of up to a maximum of six (6) months, if the program provides evidence of sufficient resources to support the temporary increase.

13. The Commission elected Dr. Maxine Feinberg as chair of the Commission and Dr. Frank Licari as vice chair of the Commission for 2023-2024.

Commission Members: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Joel Berg, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Scott DeVito, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (vice chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr. Barbara Krieg-Menning, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Brent Larson, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari, Dr. Paul Luepke, Dr. Sanjay Mallya (chair), Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Timmothy Schwartz, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Marshall Titus, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.
