

# THE BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION

*The Commission serves the public and dental professions by developing and implementing dental assisting (DA) and dental laboratory technology (DLT) accreditation and standards that promote and monitor the continuous quality and improvement of programs.*

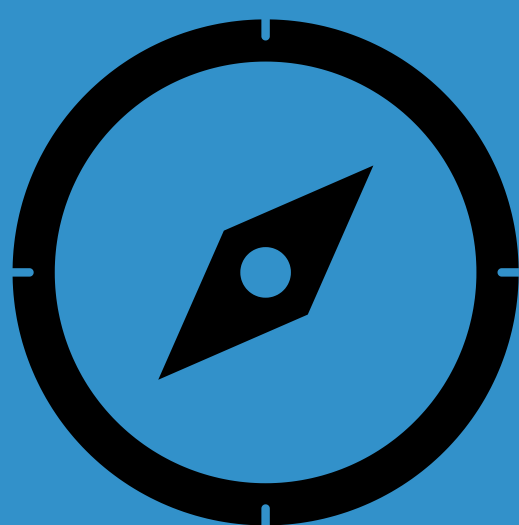


## PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

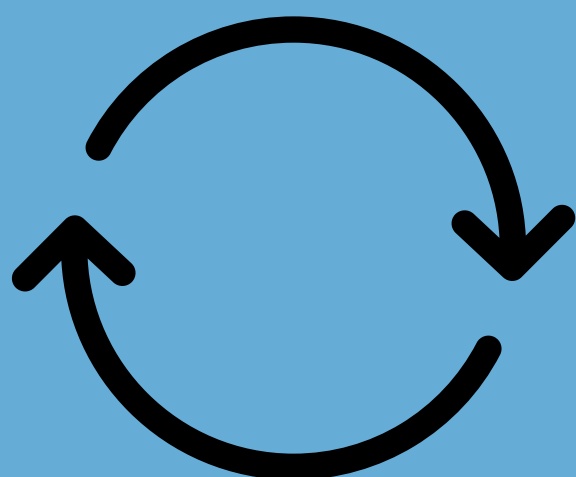
The Commission believes that its first responsibility is accountability to the public. The Commission fulfills its responsibility to the public by ensuring that the programs under its purview meet the established educational standards, that Commission policies are applied impartially, and that the Commission follows established procedures to obtain input from a broad constituency and allow for due process.

## GUIDING PROGRAMS

The CODA accreditation standards serve as a guide for DA and DLT program development. These standards ensure consistency in programs for students and future employers. Accreditation guides new programs to meet defined standards for institutional effectiveness, educational programming, administration and faculty, and healthy and safety, ensuring students receive a high-quality education.



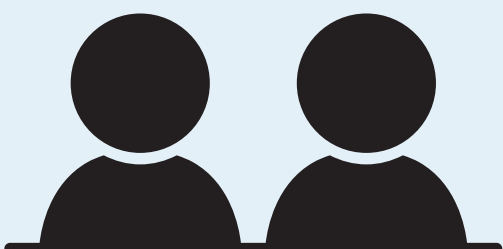
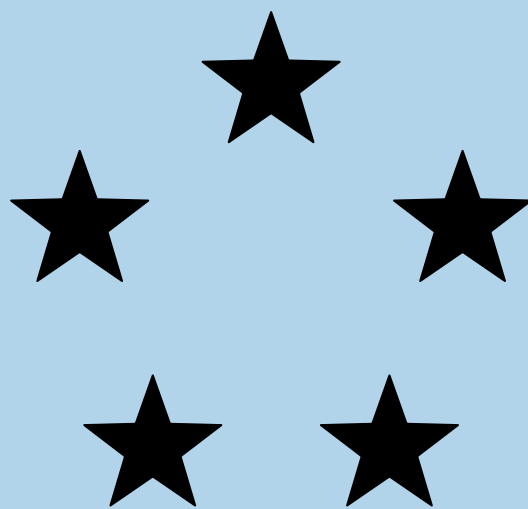
## FOSTERING CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



Dental accreditation is a voluntary quality evaluation system that includes a standard setting and review process to promote the goal of continuous quality improvement in dental education.

## ASSURING QUALITY EDUCATION

CODA provides criteria for the evaluation of new and established programs. CODA accredited programs are held to educational standards to ensure quality and consistency in DA and DLT programs.



## PROTECTING STUDENTS

Attending a CODA accredited program assures prospective students and state licensing agencies that educational programs provide appropriate education, training and experience to adequately prepare individuals for dental licensure and practice in the U.S. Graduates from CODA accredited programs are held to educational standards to ensure quality in programs.

Learn more at [coda.ada.org/accreditation](https://www.coda.ada.org/accreditation)