

Unofficial Report of Major Actions

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This document reflects the “unofficial actions” of the 2026 Winter Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) meeting. A post-meeting summary of changes to policies and Standards can be found [here](#).

Agenda Item	Action	Report Name (Information-Only) or Resolution (Action Taken)
<p>Matters Related to Accreditation Status</p>		<p>CODA reviewed accreditation reports and took 486 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs. Twelve mail ballots were recorded on dental education programs since the August 2025 CODA meeting.</p> <p>A total of 20 new programs were granted accreditation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One predoctoral dental education • Two advanced education in general dentistry (12 month) • One general practice residency (12 month) • One endodontics • One pediatric dentistry • One oral and maxillofacial surgery clinical fellowship – oncology • Two orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics • One periodontics • One prosthodontics • Two dental therapy • Five dental hygiene • One dental assisting programs. <p>Four programs received a formal warning stating that its accreditation will be withdrawn in August 2026 unless the information demonstrating compliance with accreditation standards or CODA policy is submitted prior to the deadline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One dental public health • One dental hygiene

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two dental assisting <p>CODA affirmed the voluntary discontinuance or planned closure dates reported for three programs, as requested by their respective sponsoring institutions.</p>
Site Visitor Appointments	Adopted	Resolved , that the Commission on Dental Accreditation approves the 2026-2027 site visitor appointments as listed in the <i>Review Committee Recommendations on Site Visitors</i> report.
100 Predoctoral	Informational	Informational Report on Predoctoral Dental Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data
101 Predoctoral	Informational	Informational Report on Dental Therapy Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data
102 Predoctoral	Adopted	<p>Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs Related to Replacement of Missing Teeth</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs to consider the November 2025 addendum to the letter from the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), with a future report to the Review Committee and Commission.</p>
New Business Predoctoral	Informational	<p>Informational Report on Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs: The Ad Hoc Committee conducted several meetings in 2025 and will continue its work in spring 2026 to consider all received comments related to the proposed revisions and the self-study document, with a future report to the Review Committee and the Commission.</p>
New Business Predoctoral	Informational	<p>Informational Report on Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs: The Ad Hoc Committee had an initial meeting in late 2025 to determine the</p>

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		process of review for the Standards and will continue its work in spring 2026 with a future report to the Review Committee and the Commission.
New Business Predoctoral	Adopted	<p>Consideration of the Commission on Dental Accreditation’s Policy on Complaints: The PREDOC RC discussed that changes to CODA’s complaint policies and procedures may contribute to better communication between CODA, the complainants, and educational programs for the investigation of complaints.</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review to review CODA’s policies and procedures on complaints against educational programs to determine if changes are needed, with a report at CODA’s Summer 2026 meeting.</p>
New Business Predoctoral	Informational	Discussion on the Review of Site Visitor Appointments: The PREDOC RC discussed CODA’s procedures for review of site visitor appointments and the need for additional information when doing so.
200 Postdoctoral General Dentistry	Adopted	<p>Report on Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Annual Survey Curriculum Section for postdoctoral general dentistry education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>
201 Postdoctoral General Dentistry	Informational	Informational Report on Validity and Reliability Study for Advanced Education General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Programs

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300 Dental Assisting	Informational	Informational Report on Dental Assisting Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data
400 Dental Hygiene	Informational	Informational Report on Dental Hygiene Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data
New Business Dental Hygiene	Adopted	<p>Consideration of Ad Hoc Committee related to Accreditation Standard for Dental Hygiene Education Programs 3-2 (Program Administrator): The DH RC recommended that an Ad Hoc Committee review Standard 3-2 (Program Administrator) to consider the intent of the Standard and determine whether clarification may be necessary regarding the time allotment for the Program Administrator. The DH RC recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee be comprised of DH RC members, and the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee be considered at the Summer 2026 Commission meeting.</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee of Dental Hygiene Review Committee members to review Standard 3-2 (Program Administrator), with a report to the Commission in Summer 2026.</p>
500 Dental Laboratory Technology	Informational	Informational Report on Dental Laboratory Technology Curriculum Data
New Business Dental Laboratory Technology	Adopted	<p>Consideration of the Review of the Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the review of all comments for the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Standards with the opportunity to provide input to the DLT RC and the CODA in Summer 2026.</p>

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<p>600 Dental Public Health</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Dental Public Health Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Dental Public Health Survey Curriculum Section for dental public health education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>
<p>700 Endodontics</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Endodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Endodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for endodontics programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</p>
<p>701 Endodontics</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct that no revisions be made at this time to Standards 2-3 (faculty education) and 4-8 (clinical training) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics.</p>
<p>800 Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial pathology education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>
<p>801 Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 4-2.3 (exposure to seminar materials) and Standard 3-5 (active clinical facility supervision) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology to the</p>

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		communities of interest for review and comment for one (1) year with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the March 2026 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting and the October 2026 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session, with comments to be reviewed by the Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2027.
900 Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	Adopted	<p>Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial radiology education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>
1000 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Adopted	<p>Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery clinical fellowship programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</p>
1001 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Informational	Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data
1002 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Adopted	Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Education Activity Occurs

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		<p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.</p>
<p>1003 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – Trigeminal Nerve Surgery</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery related to new Standards for clinical fellowship training programs in trigeminal nerve surgery and disorders, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on January 1, 2027.</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation solicits for site visitors interested in trigeminal nerve surgery and disorders to review any future applications and participate in future site visits.</p>
<p>1100 Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics programs, Residency and Fellowship, be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>
<p>1200 Pediatric</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Pediatric Dentistry Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Pediatric Dentistry Annual Survey</p>

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		Curriculum Section for pediatric dentistry education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.
1201 Pediatric	Adopted	<p>Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry Related to Patient Safety</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to Standard 4-20 (management of a contemporary dental practice) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education in Pediatric Dentistry related to patient safety and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2027.</p>
1202 Pediatric	Informational	Informational Report on Validity and Reliability Study for Pediatric Dentistry Programs
1300 Periodontics	Adopted	<p>Report on Periodontics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Periodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for periodontics programs be retained with no changes for use in August/September 2026.</p>
1301 Periodontics	Adopted	<p>Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics, and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.</p>
1400 Prosthodontics	Adopted	Report on Prosthodontics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section

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		<p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Prosthodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for prosthodontics education programs, including maxillofacial prosthetics, be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>
<p>1500 Dental Anesthesiology</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Dental Anesthesiology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Dental Anesthesiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for dental anesthesiology programs and direct use of the revised Curriculum Section in Fall 2026.</p>
<p>1501 Dental Anesthesiology</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology Related to Program Director Board Certification</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 3-2 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology to the communities of interest for review and comment for six (6) months with a Hearing conducted in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting, with review of comments received by the Review Committee and Commission in Summer 2026.</p>
<p>1600 Oral Medicine</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Oral Medicine Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral Medicine Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral medicine education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>
<p>1700 Orofacial Pain</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Report on Orofacial Pain Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Orofacial Pain Annual Survey Curriculum Section for orofacial pain education programs be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2026.</p>

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<p>1701 Orofacial Pain</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 2-11 (Clinical Sciences) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain to the communities of interest for review and comment for six (6) months, with a Hearing conducted in conjunction with the March 2026 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session, with comments reviewed by the Review Committee and Commission at the Summer 2026 meetings.</p>
<p>1800 Meeting dates</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Report on Review Committee and Commission Meeting Dates</p>
<p>1900 Finance</p>	<p>Adopted</p>	<p>Standing Committee on Finance Report: The Commission reviewed the Standing Committee on Finance Report and adopted the following resolution:</p> <p>Resolved, that CODA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve a four percent (4%) increase in annual fees for all disciplines in 2027: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$10,680 for predoctoral dental education programs; ○ \$25,060 for international predoctoral education programs; ○ \$2,690 for dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental therapy, and advanced dental education programs; and ○ \$1,910 for dental laboratory technology programs. • Adopt a four percent (4%) application fee increase for 2027: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$77,110 for predoctoral dental education programs; ○ \$87,640 for international predoctoral education programs; and ○ \$19,290 for allied and advanced education programs. • Maintain a \$50 annual administrative fee per program for 2027 and maintain all other fees at the same rates as 2026.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the 2027 budget proposal for submission to the ADA Board of Trustees.
1901 ADA House of Delegates	Adopted	<p>Resolutions Adopted by the ADA House of Delegates Related to CODA and Dental Education: The Commission reviewed the resolutions adopted by the ADA House of Delegates related to CODA and dental education and adopted the following resolution:</p> <p>Resolved, that the proposals outlined in ADA House of Delegates Resolution 401H-2025 be assigned to the applicable Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) committees for consideration and comment, with each respective committee reporting back to CODA at its Summer 2026 meeting.</p>
3000 New Business	Adopted	<p>AGD request for CODA Board Representation: The Commission reviewed a request to add a representative from AGD to the Commission and adopted the following resolution:</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) respond to the January 2026 communication from the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and request additional information from the AGD about how its request aligns with the mission and scope of CODA, with a report due back to CODA at its Summer 2026 meeting.</p>
3001 New Business	Adopted	<p>Request to Consider U.S. Dental School International Sites: The Commission reviewed letters from six dental deans requesting a revision to CODA policy which would permit US dental programs to offer international program sites. The Commission adopted the following resolutions:</p> <p>Resolved, that the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning be directed to review the January 2026 correspondence from dental school deans requesting that international program sites operated by U.S. dental schools be able to receive CODA accreditation, with a report due back to CODA at its Summer 2026 meeting.</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation respond to the January 2026 correspondence from dental school deans about international program sites for U.S. dental schools, requesting clarity about</p>

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		the goals of their requests consistent with CODA’s discussion at its Winter 2026 meeting, and that CODA receive a report back about such additional information for consideration at its Summer 2026 meeting.
3002 New Business	Adopted	<p>Request to Consider Standardized Leave Policy: The Commission reviewed a request from an advanced dental education program resident to modify Commission policy to include a standardized leave policy. The Commission adopted the following resolutions:</p> <p>Resolved, that the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) respond to the January 2026 letter from a dental resident urging that CODA adopt minimum standards for programs’ maternity and parental leave policies, and that such response summarize CODA’s discussion of this topic at its Winter 2026 meeting.</p> <p>Resolved, that each Review Committee consider this topic as it relates to their respective accreditation standards and report back to the Commission at its Summer 2026 meeting.</p>

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