

Commission on Dental Accreditation  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
August 10, 2012

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 270 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs.

Initial accreditation was granted to a total of eight programs:

<b>Educational Program</b>	<b>Number</b>
Predoctoral Dental Education	2
General Practice Residency (GPR)	1
Orofacial Pain	1
Dental Assisting	1
Fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (oncology)	1
Fellowship in Orthodontics and Maxillofacial Orthopedics	1
Pediatric Dentistry	1

Six dental assisting education programs and two dental hygiene education programs received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in February 2013 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards, is submitted prior to that time. The Commission discontinued the accreditation of five dental assisting education programs, one dental hygiene education program, one Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Fellowship (oncology) and approved the teach-out plan for one Pediatric Dentistry education program, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions. The Commission withdrew accreditation from one dental assisting education program.

2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following accreditation standards:
  - Dental Assisting Education Programs standards 4-3 and 4-6, with immediate implementation;
  - Dental Hygiene Education Programs standards 3-7 and 3-8, for implementation on January 1, 2013;
  - Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery) standard 6-4.2, with immediate implementation.
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 Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs, for circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2013 for consideration at the August 2013 meeting of the Commission;

- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, for circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2013 for consideration at the August 2013 meeting of the Commission.
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Prosthodontics, for circulation to the communities of interest until June 1, 2013 for consideration at the August 2013 meeting of the Commission.
4. The Commission approved an additional 4% increase in annual accreditation fees, in addition to the 4% increase in fees approved at the February 2013 meeting, for a total increase in annual fees of 8% for 2013.
  5. The Commission reviewed ADA Board of Trustees resolutions from the June 2012 Board meeting and referred a request to require a formal needs assessment and feasibility study for all predoctoral dental education programs applying for initial accreditation to the Predoctoral Dental Education Review Committee.
  6. The Commission adopted a new mission statement, vision statement, and values statement as part of the Commission's strategic planning process:

#### Mission Statement

The Commission on Dental Accreditation serves the oral health care needs of the public through the development and administration of standards that foster continuous quality improvement of dental and dental related educational programs.

#### Vision Statement

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will be a globally recognized leader for accrediting dental and dental related educational programs and will accomplish this by establishing quality standards that reflect the ever changing delivery of oral health care.

#### Values Statement

- Transparent
  - Objective and Collegial Accreditation Process
  - Subject Matter Expertise
  - Independent
  - Innovative
  - Financially Stable
7. The Commission adopted the following revised policies:
    - Policy on Criteria for Selection of Site Visitors for Advanced Specialty Education, requiring that candidates recommended to serve as consultants/site visitors be board certified and/or have completed or participated in a CODA-accredited specialty education program, with immediate implementation.
    - Policy on Third Party Comments, requiring programs with the status of initial accreditation, and programs seeking initial accreditation to solicit comment through

appropriate notification of communities of interest and the public such as faculty, students, program administrators, Commission consultants, specialty and dental-related organizations, patients, and/or consumers, with an immediate implementation.

- A new Policy on Requests for Email Distribution Lists, with immediate implementation, to guide staff in responding to these requests.
8. The Commission took action on several issues related to communication and technology, including:
    - The continuance of staff presence at a “CODA Question and Answer Room” for education program directors at the annual American Dental Education Association meeting. The Commission will also explore the feasibility of funding additional “CODA Question and Answer Rooms” at annual meetings of dental organizations during the period of standards revisions as a result of the Commission’s Validity and Reliability Studies.
    - The submission of a request, with support from the ADA Communication and Marketing Department, to the ADA’s Survey Center to facilitate distribution and data analysis for the Commission’s communication survey.
    - The monitoring of enhancements in technology related to streamlining the self-study and accreditation process, including the utilization of Aptify.
    - The discontinuance of the Commission study of alternative methods for conducting site visits. The Commission affirmed that alternative methods for conducting site visits will not be used as a substitute to physical site visits of programs beyond interviewing off-site personnel. In addition, USDE recognition criteria require accreditation agencies to conduct site visits on-site.
  9. The Commission was informed, through correspondence from the U.S. Department of Education Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, that the Commission's recognition has been renewed for five years as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for the accreditation of predoctoral dental education programs (leading to the D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree), advanced dental education programs, and allied dental education programs that are fully operational or have attained "Initial Accreditation" status, including programs offered via distance education.
  10. The Commission received a request from the American Dental Hygienists Association for an additional appointment to the Board of Commissioners. The Commission referred the request to the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning for evaluation and consideration at the February 2013 Commission Meeting.
  11. The Commission approved nominees to fill vacancies for discipline specific positions and non-discipline specific positions on its review committees beginning October 2012.
  12. The Commission elected Dr. Kent Knoernschild as chair of the Commission and Dr. Judith Messura as vice-chair of the Commission for 2012-2013.
  13. The Commission acknowledged the following Commissioners whose terms will expire in

October 2012: Dr. Richard Buchanan; Dr. Robert Ray; Dr. Steve Tonelli; Dr. Christopher Wenkus; and Dr. Alex White.

Commission Members: Dr. Byron Benson, Dr. Michael Biermann, Dr. Richard Buchanan, Ms. Kristi 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. Henry Greenwell, Dr. W. Stan Hardesty, Dr. Kent Knoernschild (vice-chair), Dr. Judith Messura, Dr. Brad Neville, Dr. Robert Ray, Dr. Yilda Rivera-Nazario, Dr. Charlotte Royeen, Dr. Steven Schonfeld, Ms. Kathi Shepard, Dr. James Sherrard, Dr. Paul Sims, Dr. Steven Tonelli (chair), Dr. Perry Tuneberg, Dr. Christopher Wenckus, Dr. B. Alex White and Dr. John Williams

Trustee Liaison: Dr. Maxine Feinberg, 4<sup>th</sup> District ADA Trustee

Ms. Kristi Burr and Dr. W. Stan Hardesty were unable to attend the meeting.