

# Commission on Dental Accreditation

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**At its Summer 2023 meeting, the Commission directed that the proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics be distributed to the appropriate communities of interest for review and comment, with comment due June 1, 2024, for review at the Summer 2024 Commission meeting.**

Written comments will only be accepted through the Commission's Electronic Comment Submission Portal at this link:

[https://surveys.ada.org/jfe/form/SV\\_3t61Uvg45BCi1Df](https://surveys.ada.org/jfe/form/SV_3t61Uvg45BCi1Df)

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## Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics

Proposed Revisions to Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in  
Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics Standards  
CODA Summer 2023

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED  
DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS RELATED TO SPONSORING INSTITUTION  
AND AUTHORITY TO OPERATE**

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**PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR ALL ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION  
STANDARDS:**

**Definition of Terms:**

**Health Care Organization:** A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Indian Health Service (IHS), Veterans Health Administration system (VA), or academic health center/medical center/ambulatory care center (both public and private) that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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**PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR STANDARD 1 CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS IN CRANIOFACIAL AND SPECIAL CARE ORTHODONTICS:**

**Standard 1-Institutional Commitment/Program Effectiveness**

Hospitals that sponsor fellowships **must** be accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Educational institutions that sponsor fellowships **must** be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. Health care organizations that sponsor advanced dental education programs **must** be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The bylaws, rules and regulations of hospitals or health care organizations that sponsor or provide a substantial portion of fellowship programs **must** assure that dentists are eligible for medical staff membership and privileges including the right to vote, hold office, serve on medical staff committees and admit, manage and discharge patients.

United States military programs not sponsored or co-sponsored by military medical treatment facilities, United States-based educational institutions, hospitals or health care organizations accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) **must** demonstrate successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria.

**Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:**

- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institutions from a United States Department of Education recognized accreditation organization
- Evidence of successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria
- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institution from an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For example: Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF); American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP); Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ); Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP); DNV GL-Healthcare (DNV GL); National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC); The Compliance Team (TCT); The Joint Commission (JC).

Advanced dental education programs conferring a certificate **must** have state or federal approval to operate and, as applicable, to confer a certificate. Advanced dental education programs conferring a degree **must** have institutional accreditation and authority to confer a degree.

**Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:**

- State license or federal authority documenting the institution's approval to operate and confer a credential
- Institutional accreditation indicating approval to confer a degree

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