



Commission on Dental Accreditation

Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

On February 6, 2026, the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopted the proposed revisions to Standard 1 (New Standard 1-5) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and directed revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.

Additions are underlined.

1 **STANDARD 1 - INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT/PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS**

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3 **USE OF SITES WHERE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY OCCURS**

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5 The primary sponsor of the fellowship program **must** accept full responsibility for the quality of
6 education provided in all sites where educational activity occurs.

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8 1-3 All arrangements with major and minor activity sites, not owned by the sponsoring
9 institution, **must** be formalized by means of current written agreements that clearly define the
10 roles and responsibilities of the parties involved.

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12 ***Intent:** Ownership may entail clinical operations, and not necessarily the physical facility.*

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14 1-4 Documentary evidence of agreements, for major and minor activity sites not owned by the
15 sponsoring institution, **must** be available. The following items **must** be covered in such
16 inter-institutional agreements:

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18 a. Designation of a single program director;
19 b. The teaching staff;
20 c. The educational objectives of the program;
21 d. The period of assignment of fellows; and
22 e. Each institution's financial commitment.

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24 ***Intent:** The items that are covered in inter-institutional agreements do not have to be contained in a*
25 *single document. They may be included in multiple agreements, both formal and informal (e.g.,*
26 *addenda and letters of mutual understanding).*

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28 1-5 Major sites of activity where the program director is not routinely present **must** include the
29 appointment of a site administrator faculty member to provide administrative oversight of the
30 program at that site.

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32 If the program utilizes off-campus sites for clinical experiences or didactic instruction, please review the
33 Commission's Policy on Reporting and Approval of Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs found in the
34 Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures manual (EOPP).

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