

## REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ENDODONTICS EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. Garry Myers. Committee Members: Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Linda Casser, and Dr. Josanne O'Dell. Dr. Gerald Glickman and Dr. Timothy Kirkpatrick were unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Trainee: Dr. Fabricio Teixeira observed the meeting as a Commissioner trainee. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Ms. Trina Andresen Coe, deputy executive director, American Association of Endodontists (AAE) attended the policy portion of the meeting. Commission Staff: Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, and Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The meeting of the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) was held on July 8, 2024, via a virtual meeting.

### CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ENDODONTICS EDUCATION

**Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics (p. 700)**: The Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics implemented on July 1, 2022. The ENDO RC noted there have been four (4) citings during the period covered by this report, in the areas of basic life support certification for all support staff (Standard 3), hours devoted in clinical care (Standard 4-6), active participation in endodontics interdisciplinary seminars and conferences (Standard 4-13), and eligible applicants to the advanced dental education program (Standard 5). Due to the limited number of citings, no analysis can be performed at this time.

**Recommendation**: This report is informational in nature, and no action is required.

**Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics Related to Program Director Full-Time Status (p. 701)**: On September 25, 2023, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) received a request from Dr. Brian Bergeron, professor and program director of the endodontics program at the Dental College of Georgia, Augusta University, to consider a proposed revision to Standard 2-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics.

Dr. Bergeron believes that Standard 2-1 of the Endodontics Standards should be revised to eliminate the “full-time” designation and instead use a designated time commitment for program directors to dedicate to advanced dental education programs in endodontics.

At its Winter 2024 meeting, the Committee noted the definition of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) status varies based on the institution, and this creates challenges when hiring a new program director. The ENDO RC believed that eliminating the full-time requirement for program director but maintaining the time commitment requirement will expand the candidate pool of program

directors for endodontics programs. Following discussion, the ENDO RC recommended that the proposed revision to Standard 2-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 701**) be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment for a period of six (6) months, with a Hearing in conjunction with the March 2024 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session, with comments reviewed at the Commission's Summer 2024 meetings. The Commission concurred with the recommendation and directed circulation of the proposed revision to Standard 2-1 for six (6) months, with comments considered at the Summer 2024 meetings.

At its Summer 2024 meeting, the ENDO RC reviewed the eleven (11) written comments received (**Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 701**). Most of the comments received were from endodontics program directors supporting the proposed revisions. One (1) comment suggested removing the hour requirement; however, the ENDO RC noted that removing the hour requirement could potentially affect the administration and management of endodontics programs. The ENDO RC noted that the 24-hour a-week requirement, which remains in the Standard, would be assessed through site visits and other continuous monitoring mechanisms of the Commission. Following consideration, the ENDO RC recommended that the proposed revision to Standard 2-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics (**Appendix 1**) should be adopted by the Commission with immediate implementation.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to Standard 2-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics related to Program Director Full-Time Status (**Appendix 1**) and direct revision of all related documents, with immediate implementation.

**Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs Related to Sponsoring Organization and Authority to Operate (p. 702):** At its Winter 2022 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) directed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee of all advanced dental education Commissioners to consider the changing landscape of health care delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs. The Ad Hoc Committee, which met on December 5, 2022 and January 25, 2023, was charged with two (2) primary considerations: 1) the topic of institutional sponsor, whether a sponsor is an academic institution, hospital, or health care organization, and 2) review of the standard found in some advanced dental education disciplines that requires the sponsor to have proper chartering/licensure to operate and offer instruction leading to a degree, diploma or certificate with recognized education validity. A summary of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and Summer 2023 Review Committee and Commission review is found in **Policy Report p. 702**.

At its Summer 2024 meeting, the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) considered the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 702**). The Review Committee also considered all comments received by the

Commission prior to the June 1, 2024 deadline (**Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 702**). The Review Committee noted that the Commission received no (0) comments at the virtual hearing in conjunction with the 2023 ADA Annual Meeting. The Commission received no (0) comments at the virtual hearing in conjunction with the 2024 ADEA Annual Session. The Commission office received one (1) written comment prior to the June 1, 2024 deadline.

The Review Committee concluded that the proposed definition of health care organization is useful in recognizing potential sponsoring institutions for advanced dental education programs. It was further discussed that all programs must comply with all the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics to obtain accreditation. The Review Committee also considered potential revisions developed by Commission staff, provided at the meeting, to address the general concerns expressed among all comments received for the advanced dental education Standards. The comments received indicated that additional organizations may fulfill the requirement for an institutional accreditor (e.g., Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit), and there is a need to further clarify the method by which a program demonstrates its authority to operate and authority to confer a certificate and/or degree.

Following consideration, the Review Committee on Endodontics Education believed that the proposed Standards found in **Appendix 2**, which include additional wording to address the general comments received by CODA, should be implemented immediately, and all related Commission documents be updated accordingly. The Review Committee did not believe that circulation of the revision was warranted since the additional revisions further clarified the intent of the Standards.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate (**Appendix 2**) and direct revision of all related documents, with immediate implementation.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN  
ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS**

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Garry Myers  
Chair, Review Committee on Endodontics Education

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MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Informational Report on Review Committee and Commission Meeting Dates (p. 1800):**

The Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) reviewed the Commission's scheduled meeting dates for 2024 through 2025.

**Recommendation:** This report is informational in nature, and no action is required.

# Commission on Dental Accreditation

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At its Winter 2024 meeting, the Commission directed that the proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics 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.

**This document represents the proposed revisions based upon review of comment received from communities of interest from February 9, 2024 to June 1, 2024.**

**This document will be considered by the Commission in Summer 2024.**

Additions are Underlined  
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## Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics

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2                                   **Advanced Dental Education Programs**  
3                                   **in Endodontics**

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5                                   **Commission on Dental Accreditation**  
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### Document Revision History

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
February 12, 2021	Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics	Adopted
August 6, 2021	Revised Mission Statement	Adopted
January 1, 2022	Revised Mission Statement	Implemented
July 1, 2022	Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics	Implemented
August 11, 2023	Revised Accreditation Status Definitions	Adopted Implemented
<u>August 9, 2024</u>	<u>Revised Standard 2-1</u>	<u>Adopted</u> <u>Implemented</u>



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2                   **STANDARD 2 - PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TEACHING STAFF**  
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4 The program **must** be administered by one director who is board certified in the respective  
5 advanced dental education discipline of the program. (All program directors appointed after  
6 January 1, 1997, who have not previously served as program directors, **must** be board certified.)  
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8 *Intent: The director of an advanced dental education program is to be certified by a nationally*  
9 *accepted certifying board in the advanced dental education discipline. Board certification is to*  
10 *be active. The board certification requirement of Standard 2 is also applicable to an*  
11 *interim/acting program director. A program with a director who is not board certified but who*  
12 *has previous experience as an interim/acting program director in a Commission-accredited*  
13 *program prior to 1997 is not considered in compliance with Standard 2.*  
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15 Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

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- 17 • For board certified directors: Copy of board certification certificate; letter from board  
18     attesting to current/active board certification
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  - 20 • (For non-board certified directors who served prior to January 1, 1997: Current CV  
21     identifying previous directorship in a Commission on Dental Accreditation- or Commission  
22     on Dental Accreditation of Canada-accredited advanced dental education program in the  
23     respective discipline; letter from the previous employing institution verifying service)  
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25 **The program director must be appointed to the sponsoring institution and have sufficient**  
26 **authority and time to achieve the educational goals of the program and assess the**  
27 **program’s effectiveness in meeting its goals.**  
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29 **Documentation of all program activities must be ensured by the program director and**  
30 **available for review.**  
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32           **2-1     The sponsoring institution must appoint a program director ~~who: a) is a full-~~**  
33           **~~time faculty member and b)~~ whose time commitment is no less than twenty-**  
34           **four hours per week to the advanced dental education program in**  
35           **endodontics.**  
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37           *Intent: To ensure that the program director has sufficient time to participate in all*  
38           *aspects of the program including direct student/resident contact in didactic and clinical*  
39           *activities.*  
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Revisions in RED, circulated August 11, 2023 to June 1, 2024

Revisions in GREEN, additions following consideration by the Review Committee in Summer 2024

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## Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics

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

Additions are underlined; Deletions are ~~stricken~~

**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).

**PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR STANDARD 1 FOR DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH, ENDODONTICS, ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY, ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY, ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS (RESIDENCY), ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (RESIDENCY), PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, PERIODONTICS, AND PROSTHODONTICS:**

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

~~Advanced dental education programs must be sponsored by institutions, which are properly chartered, and licensed to operate and offer instruction leading to degrees, diplomas or certificates with recognized education validity.~~ Hospitals that sponsor advanced dental education programs **must** be accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Educational institutions that sponsor advanced dental education programs **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) or receive regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV). The bylaws, rules and regulations of hospitals or health care organizations that sponsor or provide a substantial portion of advanced dental education 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.

**Intent:** The educational program demonstrates either: a) documentation of receipt of federal aid as evidence to operate, or b) documentation of a state business license as evidence to operate. Additionally, as required by the state, the program demonstrates authority through an appropriate state agency when issuing a certificate of completion. If conferring a degree, the program demonstrates authorization from its institutional accrediting agency.

**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