

Commission on Dental Accreditation
Unofficial Report of Major Actions
February 4, 2011

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 239 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs. Initial accreditation was granted to two predoctoral dental education programs, two general practice residency programs, one advanced education in general dentistry program, six dental assisting education programs, two dental hygiene education programs, one advanced specialty education program in endodontics, and one advanced specialty education program in pediatric dentistry. One general practice residency program and four dental assisting education programs received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in August 2011 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards, is submitted prior to that time. The Commission discontinued the accreditation of one dental assisting education program and one advanced specialty education program in oral and maxillofacial pathology, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.
2. The Commission adopted a revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced General Dentistry Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology regarding program director qualifications, with immediate implementation.
3. The Commission adopted the language on the topic of ethics and professionalism for each discipline under the Commission's purview, as a new discipline-specific accreditation standard. The ethics and professionalism accreditation standard will be placed within the accreditation standards for each discipline according to the recommendation of the relevant Review Committee, with implementation time-frame as recommended by each Review Committee.
4. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment:
 - A revised accreditation standard on eligibility requirements for admission into Advanced General Dentistry Education Programs in Oral Medicine and Advanced General Dentistry Education Programs in Orofacial Pain. In addition, the Commission directed a new accreditation standard on eligibility requirements for admission into General Practice Residencies; Advanced General Dentistry Education Programs; and Advanced General Dentistry Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology be added to Standard 4 (Educational Support Services) of the each discipline's Accreditation Standards, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until May 1, 2011 and consideration at the August 2011 meeting of the Commission;
 - Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, including revisions to the Initial Application document, with open hearings at the 2011 annual meetings of the ADEA, ADEA Allied

Directors' Conference, ADHA, and ADA, for consideration at the Commission's February 2012 meeting;

- Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, with open hearings at the 2011 annual meetings of the ADEA, AAOMS, and ADA for consideration at the Commission's February 2012 meeting;
 - Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, with open hearings at the 2011 annual meetings of the ADEA, AAOMS, and ADA for consideration at the Commission's February 2012 meeting; and
 - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry, with open hearings at the 2011 annual meetings of the ADEA, AAPD, and ADA for consideration at the Commission's February 2012 meeting.
5. The Commission approved its proposed 2012 operating budget, including an increase of 5.75% in annual accreditation fees and application fees.
 6. The Commission approved a six-month training period in 2012 for all new Commissioners whose appointments begin in 2013, which includes attendance at a Commission meeting, at the discipline-specific Review Committee meeting, and at an appropriate site visit. The Commission will include all expenses associated with six-month training in its annual budget. The sponsoring organizations with new Commissioner terms starting in 2013 will be asked to identify trainees for 2012 by June 1, 2011.
 7. The Commission approved the circulation of a proposed policy statement on Resident Duty Hours Restrictions to the advanced dental education review committees for review and comment, with consideration by the Commission at the August 2011 meeting.
 8. The Commission referred the Policy on Eligibility of Allied Dental Programs for Accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review for evaluation of the following principle and criteria: "Is there evidence of need and support from the public and professional communities to sustain educational programs in the discipline?" The Standing Committee is to report its findings at the August 2011 Commission meeting.
 9. The Commission approved the review committee recommendations for the reappointments and new appointments of consultants to serve as site visitors in 2011-2012 for one-year terms.
 10. The Commission recognized Commissioner Anna Nelson who passed away suddenly on January 18, 2011.

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