

Commission on Dental Accreditation  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
February 3, 2012

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 265 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs.

Initial accreditation was granted to a total of fourteen programs:

<b>Educational Program</b>	<b>Number</b>
Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD)	2
Dental Anesthesiology	1
Orofacial Pain	1
Dental Assisting	2
Dental Hygiene	2
Dental Public Health	1
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	1
Periodontics	1
Prosthodontics	1
Clinical Fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Oncology)	1
Clinical Fellowship in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics	1

Four dental assisting education programs, one dental hygiene education program, one advanced specialty education program in dental public health, one advanced specialty education program in oral and maxillofacial surgery, and one advanced specialty education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in August 2012 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards, is submitted prior to that time. The Commission discontinued the accreditation of one advanced general dentistry education program in dental anesthesiology, five dental assisting education programs and one dental laboratory technology education program, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions. The Commission withdrew accreditation from two dental assisting education programs and one dental hygiene education program.

2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following accreditation standards:
  - Predoctoral Dental Education Program Standard 2-3(e) for immediate implementation;
  - Dental Hygiene Education Programs for implementation on January 1, 2013, along with revisions to the initial application document;
  - Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for implementation on July 1, 2012;
  - Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for implementation on July 1, 2012; and

- Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry for implementation on July 1, 2013.
  - All appropriate advanced dental education standards for implementation on July 1, 2012 regarding equivalency to institutional accreditation by the Joint Commission. Relevant standards will be revised to reflect that accreditation by an organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is equivalent to accreditation by the Joint Commission.
3. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment:
- Advanced Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until December 1, 2012 and consideration at the February 2013 meeting of the Commission;
  - Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs, including new standards that address programs with an EFDA component, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until December 1, 2012 and consideration at the February 2013 meeting of the Commission;
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Dental Public Health, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until December 1, 2012 and consideration at the February 2013 meeting of the Commission;
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Endodontics, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until December 1, 2012 and consideration at the February 2013 meeting of the Commission;
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until December 1, 2012 and consideration at the February 2013 meeting of the Commission;
  - Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, proposed revised Standard 6-4.2 on surgical experience for the pediatric craniomaxillofacial surgery category, for consideration at the August 2012 meeting of the Commission ; and
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until December 1, 2012 and consideration at the February 2013 meeting of the Commission; and
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Periodontics, for circulation to the communities of interest for review and comment until December 1, 2012 and consideration at the February 2013 meeting of the Commission.
4. The Commission approved its proposed 2013 operating budget, including an increase of 4.0% in annual accreditation fees and an initial accreditation application fee of \$9,600.00 for 2013. In addition, the Commission approved an administrative fee of \$1,250.00 for all special-focused site visits, effective immediately.

5. The Commission reviewed ADA House of Delegates and ADA Board of Trustees resolutions, along with both written and verbal comments from the CODA Open Hearings at the ADA Annual Session, urging the Commission to delay the process of developing accreditation standards for dental therapy education programs until there is further evidence that Criteria #2 and #5 of the “Principles and Criteria for Eligibility of Allied Dental Programs for Accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation” are met. The Commission reaffirmed that the Task Force on Development of Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs should continue the process of developing accreditation standards for dental therapy education programs; however, the Commission determined that no implementation date will be set until further documentation has been provided which shows that Criteria #2 and #5 are fully satisfied.
6. The Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning presented to the Commission a draft mission statement, vision statement, and values statement as part of the initiation of the Commission’s strategic planning process.
7. The Commission adopted the following revised policies:
  - Policy on Off-Campus Sites- In order to ensure that complete documentation is available at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission, programs must submit in writing a request for initiating an off-campus site at least thirty (30) days prior to the appropriate, regularly scheduled semi-annual Review Committee meeting. A program must receive Commission on Dental Accreditation approval of the off-campus site prior to initiating use of the site.
  - Policy on Program Changes- Program changes must be reported at least thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled, semi-annual Review Committee meeting and must be reviewed by the appropriate Review Committee and the Commission to ensure that the program continues to meet the accreditation standards. In addition, expansion of an existing dental hygiene program will only be considered after the program has demonstrated success by graduating the first class, measured outcomes of the academic program, and received approval without reporting requirements.
8. The Commission approved the review committee recommendations for the reappointments and new appointments of consultants to serve as site visitors in 2012-2013 for one-year terms.

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