

**Commission on Dental Accreditation  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
August 4-5, 2022**

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 368 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs and recorded four (4) mail ballots on general practice residencies, advanced education in general dentistry, and dental education programs.

A total of fifteen (15) new programs were granted accreditation:

<b>Educational Program</b>	<b>Number</b>
Predoctoral Dental Education	1
Advanced Education in General Dentistry (12-month)	1
Advanced Education in General Dentistry (24-month)	1
Dental Assisting	1
Dental Hygiene	3
Dental Public Health	1
Dental Therapy	1
Maxillofacial Prosthetics	1
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Residency)	1
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (Residency)	1
Pediatric Dentistry	2
Periodontics	1

One (1) predoctoral dental education, one (1) general practice residency (12-month), and one (1) dental hygiene programs received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in February 2023 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards or Commission policy, is submitted prior to that time.

The Commission affirmed the reported voluntary discontinuance effective date or planned closure date of two (2) advanced education in general dentistry (12-month), one (1) general practice residency (12-month), one (1) dental public health, four (4) dental assisting, and one (1) dental hygiene programs, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.

2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following Accreditation Standards:
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, following a validity and reliability study, with immediate implementation.
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency, following a validity and reliability study, with immediate implementation.
  - Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs, related to institutional accreditation, with immediate implementation.
  - Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, related to institutional accreditation, with immediate implementation.

- Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs, related to institutional accreditation, with immediate implementation.
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Prosthodontics Education, following a validity and reliability study, with immediate implementation.
3. The Commission directed the following proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards be circulated to the communities of interest for comment including, as applicable, hearings conducted in conjunction with the October 2022 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting and the March 2023 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session:
- Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, Standard 2-14, with circulation to the communities of interests until December 1, 2022, for consideration at the Winter 2023 meeting of the Commission.
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Standard 4-16, with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2023, for consideration at Summer 2023 meeting of the Commission.
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry, anesthesia standards, with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2023, for consideration at Summer 2023 meeting of the Commission.
  - Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain, Standard 2-10, with circulation to the communities of interests until June 1, 2023, for consideration at Summer 2023 meeting of the Commission.
4. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and took the following actions:
- Directed authorization of Administrative Fund disbursement up to \$10,000, to engage with an expert legal consultant with knowledge of higher education accreditation to assist the Commission's Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Advanced Dental Education Delivery Models and Combined Programs.
  - Directed that the \$25 Administrative Fund fee, per program, scheduled for 2023 be rescinded and there be no (\$0) Administrative Fund fee applied to CODA-accredited dental and dental-related education programs in 2023.
  - Directed the Commission Chair to sign the Intercompany Memorandum of Understanding and Services Agreement, effective January 1, 2022.
  - Directed authorization of Administrative Fund disbursement of up to \$20,000, to engage with a financial analyst to study CODA's revenue and expense planning model and assist the Commission with long-term projection modeling to obtain a revenue-neutral budget, and to conduct a comparative analysis among other accreditors related to financial models and administrative funds.
5. The Commission reviewed the informational report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning and took no actions.

6. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review, and took the following actions:
  - Directed the adoption and immediate implementation of proposed revisions to the following regular policies that were reviewed:
    - Review Committees and Review Committee Meetings, section on Structure
    - Review Committees and Review Committee Meetings, section on Composition
  - Directed the adoption and immediate implementation of proposed revisions to the Criteria for Granting Accreditation.
  - Directed the adoption and immediate implementation of proposed revisions to the Commission’s Policy on Application for Accreditation for Fully Operational Programs with Enrollment and Without Accreditation, and the Policy on Application for Initial Accreditation for Developing Programs.
  - Directed Commission staff to explore, develop and implement additional guidance for program applicants and application reviewers, such as more detailed directions in the accreditation applications and expansion of the current application reviewer worksheet.
  - Directed the adoption and immediate implementation of proposed revisions to the Policy on Interruption of Education and related Guidelines for Interruption of Education.
  - Directed the adoption and immediate implementation of proposed revisions to the Policy and Procedure Regarding Investigation of Complaints Against Educational Programs, section on Anonymous Comments/Complaints.
  
7. The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee on Nominations, and took the following actions:
  - Approved nominees to fill vacancies for discipline specific positions and non-discipline specific positions on its Review Committees, beginning Fall 2022.
  - Adopted a revision to its Review Committee Composition and Criteria for Nominations for the role formerly noted as “1 dental laboratory owner nominated by National Association of Dental Laboratories” to the new role noted as “1 Certified Dental Technician who manages and/or supervises dental laboratory technicians, nominated by the National Association of Dental Laboratories” for the Dental Laboratory Technology Review Committee, effective immediately, and updated within all applicable Commission documents.
  - Adopted a revision to its “Public/Consumer Nominees” criteria for the Review Committees and Commission, effective immediately, and updated within all applicable Commission documents.
  - Directed the Nominations Committee to review its scoring process to better align with the needs of the Committee’s review.
  
8. The Commission reviewed the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Advanced Dental Education Delivery Models and Combined Programs, and took the following actions:
  - Directed that the Commission not establish a process for accreditation of combined advanced dental education programs in two (2) discipline areas.
  - Directed formal review of any future requests for the development of Standards and related documents for accreditation of a new combined program in two (2) disciplines, in

- accordance with Commission policies and procedures, to determine whether development of an accreditation process for a combined (two-disciplined) program is warranted.
- Directed the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Advanced Dental Education Delivery Models and Combined Programs to continue its review of the changing landscape of healthcare delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2023.
9. The Commission reviewed the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider a Request to Establish a Process of Accreditation for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Geriatric Dentistry, and directed that the Commission not establish a process of accreditation for advanced dental education programs in geriatric dentistry at this time. The Commission further directed a formal communication to the Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA) notifying SCDA of the Commission's action.
  10. The Commission directed a request from The Academy of Operative Dentistry that CODA establish a process of accreditation for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Operative Dentistry, Cariology and Biomaterials be reviewed by an Ad Hoc Committee, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2023.
  11. The Commission elected Dr. Sanjay Mallya as chair of the Commission and Dr. Maxine Feinberg as vice-chair of the Commission for 2022-2023.

Commission Members: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Joel Berg, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Scott DeVito, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, Mr. Marco Gargano, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Dr. John Hellstein, Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr. Susan Kass, Dr. James Katancik, Dr. Barbara Krieg-Menning, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Brent Larson, Dr. Frank Licari, Dr. Sanjay Mallya (vice chair), Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Bruce Rotter (chair), Dr. Timmothy Schwartz, Dr. Marybeth Shaffer, Dr. Alan Stein, Ms. Lonni Thompson, and Dr. Marshall Titus.

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