

Our Mission

The Commission on Dental Accreditation serves the public and profession by developing and implementing accreditation standards that promote and monitor the continuous quality and improvement of dental education programs.



ACCREDITATION BENEFITS MANY

	<p>Students and Residents who are the consumers, seeking the education programs we accredit</p>		<p>Educational Institutions that maintain quality education programs by complying with nationally accepted accreditation standards</p>
	<p>Licensing and Regulatory Bodies that license and register dental professionals</p>		<p>The Public who expect their oral health care needs are safely and expertly served</p>

ACCREDITATION FOSTERS EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT

	<p>Accreditation in higher education is a self- and peer-assessment process that ensures improvement of academic quality and public accountability</p>	<p>CODA is the only nationally recognized agency for programmatic accreditation of dental and allied dental education programs at the post-secondary level</p>	<p>CODA receives its accreditation authority from the acceptance of all stakeholders within the dental community and from recognition by the United States Department of Education</p>
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ALL STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATE

<p>Dental, advanced dental, and allied dental disciplines are under the accreditation purview of CODA</p>	<p>When reviewing and updating standards, CODA ensures standards reflect the evolving practice of dentistry by seeking input from all its communities of interest</p>	<p>CODA maintains continuous contact with those important communities through various mechanisms</p>	
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MONITORED THROUGH RIGOROUS PEER REVIEW

Dental and allied dental education programs apply for accreditation based on Accreditation Standards



To maintain accreditation, institutions self-assess their adherence to the Accreditation Standards



CODA uses comprehensive internal quality assurance and in-depth training of its volunteers (who are qualified, experienced professionals), who evaluate programs on site and clearly and comprehensively report their findings to the Commission

The Commission makes the final decision to award, continue or remove an accreditation status. The Commission bases its judgments on the program's compliance with the Accreditation Standards and Commission Policies



CODA ACCREDITS MORE THAN 1,400 DENTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



- > Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- > Advanced General Dentistry Education in Dental Anesthesiology
- > Advanced General Dentistry Education in Oral Medicine
- > Advanced General Dentistry Education in Orofacial Pain
- > Dental Assisting
- > Dental Laboratory Technology
- > Dental Hygiene
- > Dental Therapy
- > Dental Public Health
- > Endodontics
- > General Practice Residency
- > Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- > Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- > Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- > Maxillofacial Prosthetics
- > Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
- > Pediatric Dentistry
- > Periodontics
- > Predoctoral Dental Education
- > Prosthodontics
- > Fellowships in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics

WHERE TO LEARN MORE

For more information about what the Commission on Dental Accreditation does, or a listing of programs CODA accredits, please go to ADA.org/CODA to access resources available online, such as standards, a listing of currently accredited programs, and more. You can also contact the CODA staff:

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