

Our Mission

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) serves the oral health care needs of the public through the development and administration of standards that foster continuous quality improvement of dental and dental related educational programs.



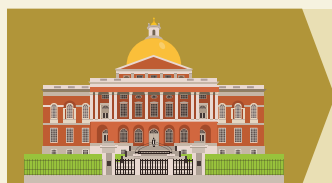
ACCREDITATION BENEFITS MANY



Students and Residents who are the consumers, seeking the education programs we accredit



Educational Institutions that maintain quality education programs by complying with nationally accepted accreditation standards

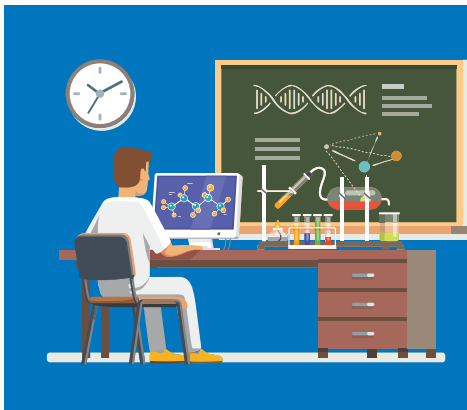


Licensing and Regulatory Bodies that license and register dental professionals



The Public who expect their oral health care needs are safely and expertly served

ACCREDITATION FOSTERS EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT



Accreditation in higher education is a self- and peer-assessment process that ensures improvement of academic quality and public accountability

CODA is the only nationally recognized agency for programmatic accreditation of dental and allied dental education programs at the post-secondary level

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

ALL STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATE

Dental, advanced dental, and allied dental disciplines are under the accreditation purview of CODA

When reviewing and updating standards, **CODA ensures standards reflect the evolving practice of dentistry** by seeking input from all its communities of interest

CODA maintains continuous contact with those important communities through various mechanisms



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



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

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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