CDAC Report to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

July 2019
The Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC), in consultation with its partners, develops and approves requirements for educational programs preparing dentists, dental specialists, dental interns/residents, dental hygienists and dental assistants. CDAC also develops and approves requirements or standards for institutional dental services.
Who We Are

The Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) accredits:

- Undergraduate dental educational programs
- Dental specialty educational programs
- Dental Hygiene educational programs
- Dental Assisting educational programs
- Health facility dental services
- Hospital and non-hospital dental residency educational programs

VISION

Quality educational programs and health facilities through accreditation.

MISSION

The CDAC evaluates oral health educational programs and health facilities to determine eligibility for and grant accreditation.

VALUES

The CDAC is committed to the integration of the following values:

- **Quality** – Striving for excellence in all its endeavours.
- **Collaboration** – Engaging with stakeholders to accomplish its mission.
- **Respect** – Embracing diversity of ideas, culture and language.
- **Integrity** – Acting in an ethical and transparent manner.
GOALS

Goal #1
Develop and maintain national accreditation requirements for education programs and health facilities based on current knowledge and practice in consultation with stakeholders.

Goal #2
Collaborate with certification bodies and regulatory authorities in the evaluation of programs preparing entry level practitioners.

Goal #3
Evaluate educational programs and health facilities using defined processes.

Goal #4
Identify accredited educational programs and health facilities.

Goal #5
Monitor the need to establish reciprocal agreements with related international accrediting agencies.
Update on Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning Process

In 2018, CDAC conducted the following strategic planning activities and meetings:

- Environmental scan (Consultant and CDAC) - February 2018.
- An online survey was sent to 228 CDAC stakeholder representatives on March 29, 2018. 170 representatives responded to the survey (75% response rate)
- A report including all comments received was circulated to all individuals attending the strategic planning open session on May 5, 2018 in Ottawa
- 35 participants representing a wide variety of stakeholders attended the May 5th session. The strategic areas of focus identified during the open session were provided to the CDAC Strategic Planning Steering Committee.
- The CDAC Strategic Planning Steering Committee met on September 10, 2018 in Ottawa to review the strategic areas of focus and all the comments received.
- The CDAC Strategic Planning Steering Committee met via videoconference on October 1, 2018 to finalize the strategic initiatives and the related objectives.
- The CDAC three-year strategic plan was circulated to all stakeholders for comment in January 2019.

Strategic Plan

Although the strategic plan has not yet been approved by the Commission, the following is a draft of the strategic initiatives and related objectives that was circulated to stakeholders for comment:

Vision

CDAC is a globally recognized leader in accreditation standards and processes

Mission

CDAC assesses oral health education programs and facilities to determine accreditation status

Strategic Initiatives

1. Governance – Become an independent legal entity
2. Finance – Secure predictable, equitable and sustainable funding
3. Quality Assurance – Enhance the consistent application of the accreditation process
4. Stakeholder Relations – Strengthen CDAC’s position as a recognized leader in accreditation
Update on Strategic Planning

Objectives

**Governance** – Become an independent legal entity

1. Negotiate an agreement with appropriate CDAC stakeholders
2. Secure not for profit incorporation status
3. Ensure financial viability of an independent CDAC
4. Develop governance structure

**Finance** – Secure predictable, equitable and sustainable funding

1. Establish a predictable revenue model
2. Negotiate agreement of new model with funding partners
3. Identify new sources of revenue

**Quality Assurance** – Enhance the consistent application of the accreditation process

1. Formalize, evaluate and document calibration process
2. Formalize training and evaluate readiness of surveyors
3. Communicate calibration process to stakeholders
4. Update accreditation terminology for clarity
5. Identify and implement best practices in the accreditation process

**Stakeholder Relations** – Strengthen CDAC’s position as a recognized leader in accreditation

1. Facilitate opportunities for dialogue and engagement among stakeholders in the accreditation process
2. Raise awareness of the benefits of accreditation and the value of CDAC to potential beneficiaries
3. Promote the value of participation to current stakeholders in the accreditation process
4. Lead and facilitate dialogue regarding accreditation best practices with external accreditation bodies
Report on CDAC Activities

CDAC representation at stakeholder meetings

CDAC Chair and/or Staff attended the following stakeholder meetings and provided activity and financial reports (as needed):

- Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) Meetings
  - February 8-9, 2018 – Montreal, QC
  - June 6-7, 2018 – Winnipeg, MB
  - September 5, 2018 – Ottawa, ON
  - October 12, 2018 – Toronto, ON
- Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) Workshop on National Competencies
  - November 9-10, 2018 – Montreal, QC
- Canadian Dental Assisting Regulatory Authorities (CDARA) Annual meeting
  - April 19, 2018 – Ottawa, ON
- Canadian Dental Association (CDA) Annual Meeting
  - April 20, 2018 – Ottawa, ON
- National Dental Hygiene Certification Board (NDHCB) Meeting
  - June 2018 – Toronto, ON
  - October 15-16, 2018 – Banff, AB
- National Dental Assisting Examining Board (NDAEB) Annual meeting
  - June 15, 2018 – Ottawa, ON
- Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) Annual meeting
  - September 22, 2018 – Fredericton, NB

CDAC Chair and/or Staff attended the following meetings and conferences in 2018:

- American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and Exhibition
  - March 17-20, 2018 – Orlando, FL, US
- Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Closed and Open Sessions
  - August 2-3, 2018 – Chicago, IL
- International Medical Education Leaders Forum
  - October 15-17, 2018 – Halifax, NS
- Annual Canadian CEOs and Registrars Meeting
  - December 5-7, 2018 – Montreal, QC

Other Meetings:

The CDAC Chair also participated in the Joint Working Group on Postgraduate Year 1 in Dentistry in Canada. The CDAC Director attended the Joint Working Group's meetings as an observer. The mandate of the working group is to prepare a literature review on PGY1 training models in Canada and elsewhere in the world, and to investigate necessary resources to have a widespread PGY1 program in dentistry in Canada. Membership of the Joint Working Group is composed of one representative from each of the following organizations: ACFD, CDRAF, NDAC and CDAC.
Royal Canadian Dental Corps accreditation

CDAC has been working closely with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Royal Canadian Dental Corps to conduct survey visits for the accreditation of the CAF dental clinics.

- Survey visits of the Canadian Armed Forces dental clinics began in September 2018 and were finalized in mid-January 2019. This represents survey visits at 24 Detachments (25 locations) across Canada.
  - CFB Gagetown, NB (September 24, 2018)
  - CFB Shilo, MB (October 1, 2018)
  - CFB Winnipeg, MB (October 2, 2018)
  - CFB Edmonton, AB (October 3, 2018)
  - CFB Wainwright, AB (October 4, 2018)
  - CFB Cold Lake, AB (October 5, 2018)
  - CFB Kingston, ON (October 9, 2018)
  - CFB Trenton, ON (October 10, 2018)
  - CFB Borden, ON (October 11, 2018)
  - CFB Moose Jaw, SK (October 15, 2018)
  - CFB Esquimalt, BC (October 16, 2018)
  - BFC Valcartier, QC (October 18, 2018)
  - BFC Bagotville, QC (October 19, 2018)
  - CFB North Bay, ON (October 25, 2018)
  - CFB Ottawa, ON (October 30, 2018 - NDHQ)
  - CFB Ottawa, ON (October 31, 2018 - Montfort)
  - BFC Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC (November 2, 2018)
  - CFB Halifax, NS (November 5, 2018)
  - CFB Greenwood, NS (November 6, 2018)
  - CFB Petawawa, ON (November 7, 2018)
  - CFB Toronto, ON (November 22, 2018)
  - CFB Gander, NL (December 5, 2018)
  - CFB Comox, BC (December 12, 2018)
  - BFC Longue-Pointe, QC (December 13, 2018)
  - CFB St. John's, NL (January 14, 2019)

Other Activities

- Mr. Frederic Duguay (Director, CDAC) presented a webinar on accreditation and the CDAC accreditation process for the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA).

- Mr. Frederic Duguay was invited to join a "Collaboration Panel" to advise the development team at Armature on current and future initiatives and module development. Armature offers and accreditation software solution to accrediting agencies. Mr. Duguay attended a meeting of the Collaboration Panel via videoconference on August 29, 2018.
International Activities

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- Effective December 15, 2011, general dentistry programs accredited by CDAC or the Dental Council of New Zealand (DCNZ).
- Effective December 5, 2012, general dentistry programs accredited by CDAC or the Irish Dental Council.

Relating to the Mutual Recognition Agreements listed above, surveyors appointed by CDAC participated as observers on the following survey visits in the United States in 2018:

- University of Maryland School of Dentistry – Baltimore, MD – May 8-10, 2018.

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Accreditation Updates - 2018

Survey Visits

In 2018, CDAC conducted a total of 32 survey visits, excluding Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) visits, compared to 36 survey visits in 2017.

In addition, CDAC conducted 25 survey visits of Dental Detachments of the Canadian Armed Forces between September 2018 and January 2019.

Including the CAF visits, CDAC conducted a total of 57 surveys in 2018.

The following programs participated in an accreditation survey in 2018:

Dental/Dental Speciality Programs (5)

University of Saskatchewan
(Saskatoon, SK)
• Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)

Université de Montréal
(Montreal, QC)
• Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)
• Pediatric Dentistry
• Orthodontics

University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB):
• Oral Medicine
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Dental Assisting Programs (8)

- Fanshawe College (London, ON)
- George Brown College (Toronto, ON)
- Oulton College (Moncton, NB)
- Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC)
- Nova Scotia Community College (Halifax, NS)
- KDM Dental College (Calgary, AB)
- KDM Dental College (Edmonton, AB)
- CDI College Calgary North (Calgary, AB)

Dental Hygiene Programs (9)

- Fanshawe College (London, ON)
- George Brown College (Toronto, ON)
- Oulton College (Moncton, NB)
- Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC)
- Collège Édouard-Montpetit (Longueuil, QC)
- Cégep François-Xavier-Garneau (Québec, QC)
- Canadian Academy of Dental Health (Mississauga, ON)
- Canadian National Institute of Health (Ottawa, ON)
- Cégep de l’Outaouais (Gatineau, QC)

Dental Internship Programs, Health Facilities, and Fellowships (10)

- Alberta Children’s Hospital - Dental Service (Calgary, AB)
- Alberta Health Services Dental Public Health Clinic - Dental Service (Calgary, AB)
- Alberta Health Services Foothills Medical Centre - Dental Service (Calgary, AB)
- Alberta Health Services Foothills Medical Centre - Residency Program (Calgary, AB)
- BC Cancer Agency Fraser Valley - Dental Service (Surrey, BC)
- BC Cancer Agency Kelowna - Dental Service (Kelowna, BC)
- BC Cancer Agency Vancouver - Dental Service (Vancouver, BC)
- BC Cancer Agency Prince George - Dental Service (Prince George, BC)
- Université de Montréal - Residency Program (Montreal, QC)
- Baycrest HSC - Dental Service (Toronto, ON)
Accreditation Updates - 2019

Survey Visits

In 2019, CDAC had planned to conduct 35 survey visits, compared to 57 in 2018. However, due to limited funding received for 2019 (as of May 2019), 10 survey visits were rescheduled to 2020 and an accreditation status extension was granted to impacted programs.

In addition, one program opted to delay their initial survey visit. In addition, three limited survey visits were added and one program visited in April 2019 will be subject to another survey visit in September 2019.

CDAC conducted 24 survey visits in 2019 (as of July) and will be conducted three visits in September, for a total of 27 surveys in 2019.

The following programs participated in an accreditation survey in 2019:

Dental/Dental Speciality Programs (4)

University of Toronto
(Toronto, ON)

- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric Dentistry
Accreditation Updates - 2019

Dental Assisting Programs (8)
- College of New Caledonia (Prince George, BC)
- SAIT/University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon, SK)
- CDI College - Edmonton (Edmonton, AB)
- Confederation College (Thunder Bay, ON)
- Camosun College (Victoria, BC)
- Columbia College (Calgary, AB)
- Niagara College (Welland, ON)
- Holland College (Charlottetown, PE)
- CDI College - Edmonton (Edmonton, AB) - September 2019

Dental Hygiene Programs (9)
- Oxford College (Scarborough, ON)
- College of New Caledonia (Prince George, BC)
- APLUS (Toronto, ON)
- Confederation College (Thunder Bay, ON)
- Camosun College (Victoria, BC)
- Niagara College (Welland, ON)
- Toronto College of Dental Hygiene (Toronto, ON)

Dental Internship Programs, Health Facilities, and Fellowships (10)
- Northeast Cancer Centre (Sudbury, ON)
- Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre (Halifax, NS)
- St. Joseph’s Health Centre (London, ON)
- London Health Sciences Centre (London, ON)
- Western University Residency Program (London, ON)

September 2019
- Alberta Health Services - Foothills Medical Centre (Calgary, AB)
- Alberta Health Services - Foothills Medical Centre Residency Program (Calgary, AB)