

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

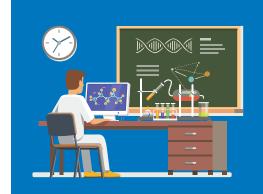


Licensing and Regulatory Bodiesthat license and register dental professionals



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 peerassessment 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 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





To maintain accreditation.

institutions self-assess

their adherence to the

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:

The Commission on Dental Accreditation

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