



Commission on Dental Accreditation

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September 4, 2025

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RE: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dental Education Program, Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics,
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics,
Prosthodontics, and Allied Dental Education Program in Dental Hygiene; Status:
Approval Without Reporting Requirements, Respectively

Dear Ms. Gabel,

At its August 7, 2025 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements” to the dental education program, advanced dental education programs in endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, and allied dental education program in dental hygiene. The definitions of accreditation classifications are linked below. Below is a summary of actions and additional information.

Dental Education Program, Advanced Dental Education Program in Endodontics, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, and Allied Dental Education Program in Dental Hygiene (Site Visit)

The Commission considered the site visit report on the dental education program, advanced dental education programs in endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, and allied dental education program in dental hygiene. The Commission also considered the institution’s response to the site visit report. The Commission reviewed a factual inaccuracy related to the template language for the programs sponsored by the institution. The final site visit report will not be corrected. The Commission also reviewed a factual inaccuracy related to the advanced dental education program in pediatric dentistry’s educational activity sites. The final site visit report will be corrected.

On the basis of this review, the Commission adopted a resolution to grant the accreditation status of “**approval without reporting requirements**” to the dental education program, advanced dental education programs in endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, and allied dental education program in dental hygiene. No additional information is requested from the program at this time. The next site visit for the programs is scheduled for **2032**.

Advanced Dental Education Program in Periodontics (Program Change)

In a separate action, the Commission considered the May 2025 report describing a proposed program change for the advanced dental education program in periodontics. The Commission noted that the report describes implementation of an advanced standing part time track for qualified faculty members within the current student/resident authorized enrollment.

Following careful review of the information provided, the Commission adopted a resolution to **approve the report of program change** and continue the program's accreditation status of **"approval without reporting requirements."** No additional information related to the change is requested from the program at this time. This change will be reviewed at the time of the next site visit for the program scheduled for **2032**.

General Information

The findings of the Commission on Dental Accreditation are noted in the attached Commission approved site visit report. The cited factual inaccuracy has been corrected in the site visit report. Oral comments made by site visit team members during the course of the site visit are not to be construed as official site visit findings unless documented within the site visit report and may not be publicized. Further, publication of site visit team members' names and/or contact information is prohibited.

One copy of this report has also been sent to the chief administrative officer and program director copied on this letter. The Commission requests that a copy of this report be forwarded to the chairpersons and appropriate faculty.

The Commission expects institutions to keep the Commission informed as soon as possible of anticipated changes in any approved educational program offered, particularly in the areas of administration, enrollment, faculty, facilities and curriculum. The Commission's policy and guidelines for reporting program changes are linked below. Guidelines for specific program changes, including reporting enrollment changes, adding sites where educational activity occurs, and developing a teach-out report are found on the Commission's website.

Institutions/Programs are expected to follow Commission policy and procedure on privacy and data security related to compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The Commission's statement on HIPAA, as well as the Privacy and Data Security Summary for Institutions/Programs (PDF), are found in the Policies/Guidelines section of the Commission's website at <https://coda.ada.org/policies-and-guidelines/hipaa-compliance>. Programs that fail to comply with CODA's policy will be assessed an administrative fee of \$4000.

The Commission has authorized use of the following statement by institutions or programs that wish to announce their programmatic accreditation by the Commission. Programs that wish to advertise the specific programmatic accreditation status granted by the Commission may include that information as indicated in italics below (see text inside square brackets); that portion of the statement is optional but, if used, must be complete and current.

The program in dental education is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation *[and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"]*. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (800) 232-6108 or at 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The

Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>.

The program in endodontics is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation *[and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"]*. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (800) 232-6108 or at 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the program in endodontics. However, accreditation of the program does not in itself constitute recognition of any dental specialty status.

The program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation *[and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"]*. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (800) 232-6108 or at 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. However, accreditation of the program does not in itself constitute recognition of any dental specialty status.

The program in pediatric dentistry is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation *[and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"]*. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (800) 232-6108 or at 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the program in pediatric dentistry. However, accreditation of the program does not in itself constitute recognition of any dental specialty status.

The program in periodontics is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation *[and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"]*. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (800) 232-6108 or at 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the program in periodontics. However, accreditation of the program does not in itself constitute recognition of any dental specialty status.

The program in prosthodontics is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation *[and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"]*. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (800) 232-6108 or at 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the program in prosthodontics. However, accreditation of the program does not in itself constitute recognition of any dental specialty status.

The program in dental hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation

[and has been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements”].
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The Commission wishes to thank you and the faculty and staff for their cooperation during the site visit. If this office can be of any assistance to you related to the dental education program, please contact me by telephone at 312-440-2721 or by e-mail at stapletonk@ada.org. Related to the advanced dental education programs in endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and periodontics, please contact Dr. Yesenia Dworetzky, manager, Advanced Dental Education at 312-440-2714 or by e-mail at dworetzky@ada.org. Related to the advanced dental education programs in pediatric dentistry and prosthodontics, please contact Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education at 312-440-2672 or by e-mail at weastt@ada.org. Related to the allied dental education program in dental hygiene, please contact Ms. Katie Navickas, manager, Allied Dental Education at 312-440-2695 or by e-mail at navickask@ada.org.

Sincerely,



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Web Links: [CODA Accreditation Status Definitions](#)
[Guidelines for Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs](#)
[Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence](#)

Attachment: Formal Report of the Site Visit

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