



Commission on Dental Accreditation

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RE: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dental School Programs: Dental Education, Orthodontics and Dentofacial
Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Advanced
Education in General Dentistry (12-month) and Dental Hygiene
Status: “approval without reporting requirements”

Endodontics Program Status: “approval with reporting requirements”

Dear President Gallagher,

At its February 1, 2018 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) granted the dental education, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, advanced education in general dentistry (12-month) and dental hygiene programs the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.” At the same meeting, the Commission granted the Endodontics program the accreditation status of “approval with reporting requirements.” The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. Below is a summary of actions and additional information.

Site Visit Report: Dental Education, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Advanced Education in General Dentistry (12-month)

The Commission considered the site visit report on the dental education, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, advanced education in general dentistry (12-month) programs.

On the basis of this review, the Commission adopted a resolution to grant the programs the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.”

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No additional information is requested from the programs at this time. The next site visit for the programs is scheduled for **2024**.

Site Visit Report: Prosthodontics and Dental Hygiene Programs

The Commission considered the site visit report on the prosthodontics and dental hygiene programs. The Commission also considered the institution's response to the site visit report.

On the basis of this review, the Commission determined that the recommendation cited in each report has been met and adopted a resolution to grant the prosthodontics and dental hygiene programs the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements," respectively.

No additional information is requested from the programs at this time. The next site visit for the programs is scheduled for **2024**.

Site Visit Report: Endodontics Program

The Commission considered the site visit report on the endodontics program. The Commission also considered the institution's response to the site visit report.

Following careful review of the information provided, the Commission adopted a resolution to grant the program the accreditation status of "approval with reporting requirements." The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed.

Based on a review of the response, the Commission determined that the following recommendation contained in the site visit report remains unmet: **#1**. The Commission specified that continued accreditation of the program will be dependent upon the remaining recommendation being met and the program achieving full compliance no later than February 2020. When Accreditation Standards are revised during the period in which the program is submitting progress reports, the program will be responsible for demonstrating compliance with the new standards.

Requested Information for August 2, 2018 Commission Meeting

The "Summary of Recommendations and Required Documentation" found at the end of this letter includes the stated recommendation and required documentation to submit with the progress report to demonstrate compliance.

For the endodontics program, the Commission requires one (1) electronic copy of a detailed report addressing the concerns noted in this letter be submitted by **May 15, 2018** for consideration at the Endodontics Education Review Committee's July 9, 2018 meeting

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and the Commission's August 2, 2018 meeting.

Attached please find Guidelines for Preparation of Reports and Documentation Guidelines for Selected Recommendations to assist you in developing a focused, concise response to the Commission's recommendations. Please note that reports that fail to adhere to the stated guidelines may be returned to the program and may not be reviewed at the assigned time. The Commission's timelines for demonstration of full compliance will not be modified due to a delayed review resulting from improperly formatted reports. Instructions to assist you in developing and submitting an electronic copy are enclosed. The electronic copy must include a signed verification page and must conform to the Commission's electronic submission guidelines. The Commission will assess a fee to the program if it fails to provide an electronic version of its report.

It should be noted that Commission policy allows for the program to appear before the Endodontics Education Review Committee to supplement the written information contained in your progress report. A written request for a special appearance must be submitted to Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, Commission on Dental Accreditation, thirty (30) days prior to the July 9, 2018 meeting of the Endodontics Education Review Committee.

If the special appearance request is approved, a representative of the institution will be permitted to appear before the Endodontics Education Review Committee to present the additional information. The special appearance will occur at a specified date and time prior to the committee's consideration of the program's accreditation classification. If additional written materials will be presented, one (1) electronic copy should be submitted by the institution to this office at least one (1) week prior to the meeting, absent documented extraordinary circumstances.

General Information

The findings of the Commission on Dental Accreditation are noted in the enclosed Commission approved 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 and the related enclosures have also been sent to the chief administrative officer and program directors copied on this letter. The Commission requests that a copy of this report and the related enclosures be forwarded to the chairpersons and appropriate faculty.

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 <http://www.ada.org/en/coda/policies-and-guidelines/hipaa/>. Programs that fail to comply with CODA's policy will be assessed a penalty fee of \$4000.*

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 enclosed. 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.

The Commission has authorized use of the following statements 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 programs in dental education, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics and dental hygiene are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [*and have 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 (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

The program in endodontics is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [*and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval with 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 (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

The program in advanced education in general dentistry (12-month) 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 (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East

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Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is:
<http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the program in advanced education in general dentistry (12-month). However, accreditation of the program does not in itself constitute recognition of any dental specialty status.

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, please contact me by telephone, at 1-800-621-8099, extension 2721 or by e-mail, at horanc@ada.org.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: [CODA Accreditation Status Definitions](#)
Formal Report of the Site Visit
[Guidelines for Preparation of Reports and Documentation Guidelines
for Selected Recommendations](#)
[Guidelines for Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs](#)
[Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence](#)
Summary of Recommendations and Required Documentation
(attached to letter)

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Summary of Recommendations and Required Documentation
University of Pittsburgh
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Endodontics

Please review the following paragraphs that include the stated recommendations and required documentation to submit with the progress report to demonstrate compliance.

Recommendation #1: It is recommended that the educational program provide clinical training so that students/residents are competent in surgical endodontic treatment. (Endo Standard 4-8.b)

The Commission reviewed the two (2) months of data collected since the site visit and noted the program reports having implemented additional experiences in an effort to increase the number of surgical endodontic treatment cases. Although the Commission acknowledged that the standard does not specify a number of surgical endodontic treatment cases that must be completed, the Commission requests additional information relative to case distribution and the program's competency assessment methodology.

To demonstrate compliance with Recommendation #1 the Commission requests information, in accordance with the Commission's Privacy and Data Security Requirements for Institutions, on the overall distribution of type and number of surgical endodontic treatment cases for the current graduating class and the program's specific method of assessing competency.