



Commission on Dental Accreditation

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RE: University of the Pacific, San Francisco, CA
Dental Education, Advanced Education in General Dentistry (12-month/optional
2nd year), Endodontics, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, and Dental
Hygiene Programs
Status: Approval Without Reporting Requirements, Respectively

Dear Mr. Callahan,

At its February 9, 2023 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) granted the dental education, advanced education in general dentistry (12-month/optional 2nd year), endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and dental hygiene programs the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.” The definitions of accreditation classifications are linked below. Below is a summary of actions and additional information.

Dental Education, Advanced Education in General Dentistry (12-month/optional 2nd year), Endodontics, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, and Dental Hygiene (Site Visit)

The Commission considered the site visit report on the dental education, advanced education in general dentistry (12-month/optional 2nd year), endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and dental hygiene programs.

The Commission noted the orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics program’s reported factual inaccuracy related to the listing of the third year of students/resident in the enrollment table, given the 27-month length of the program. The Commission also noted the dental hygiene program’s reported factual inaccuracy related to the table of sites where educational activity occurs used by the program.

On the basis of these reviews, the Commission adopted separate resolutions to grant the 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 **2029**.

Dental Education (Enrollment Increase)

At its February 9, 2023 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation considered a supplemental report for a *permanent* increase in enrollment of 30 students per year, for the dental education program, specifically for students pursuing the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree as part of the International Dental Studies (IDS) cohort to be located on the University's Sacramento campus. The Commission noted the IDS track is a 24-month curriculum, therefore, the IDS total enrollment would increase by 60 students. The program plans to increase enrollment in July 2024.

In doing so the Commission considered correspondence dated November 15, 2022, which indicated that the request was made for students pursuing the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree as part of the International Dental Studies (IDS) cohort to be located on the University's Sacramento campus, which is being developed as a major educational activity site (see below). After careful review of all pertinent information, the Commission adopted a resolution maintaining the program's accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements."

The Commission noted concerns regarding continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and has **postponed action and requested additional information through a written report** to ensure that the Accreditation Standards will continue to be met due to the increase in enrollment. If the additional information submitted does not satisfy the Commission regarding the identified concerns, the Commission reserves the right to request additional documentation, conduct a special focused site visit of the program, or deny the request.

Dental Education (Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs)

At its February 9, 2023 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the November 2022 supplemental report describing a proposed addition of a *major* site where educational activity occurs for the dental education program. The Commission noted that the report described the University's Sacramento campus site of the dental education program will integrate primary and dental care models through the new Pacific Health Care Collaborative (PHCC). The program is requesting to enroll 30 students per year (60 students total) pursuing a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree as part of the International Dental Studies (IDS) cohort to be located on the University's Sacramento campus. The new building will be the primary site for didactic, preclinical, and clinical education for the International Dental Studies Cohort.

Following careful review of the information provided, the Commission adopted a resolution to **approve the report of the addition of the sites where educational activity occurs** and continue the program's accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." No additional information is requested from the program at this time, nor is a special focused site visit warranted. This change will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled site visit to the program in **2029**.

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Dental Education Program Requested Information for August 10, 2023 Commission Meeting

For the **dental education program's request for enrollment increase**, the Commission requests the following supplemental information: 1) faculty hiring plan, including advanced dental education (specialty) faculty, 2) clarification on clinic management with 60 students and a facility with 30 dental units, 3) an update on educational activity sites that may be used by the program (and appropriate reporting), 4) confirmation of the availability of sufficient patient experiences for 60 additional students, and 5) mechanisms that will ensure student experiences/rotations in areas of advanced dental education. When presenting information on clinical experiences, please identify students as Student 1, Student 2, Student 3, etc. Do not include Protected Health Information (PHI) or Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in the submission.

The Commission requires one (1) electronic copy of a detailed report addressing the concerns noted in this letter be submitted by May 15, 2023 for consideration at the Predoctoral Dental Education Review Committee's July 10 – 11, 2023 meeting and the Commission's August 10, 2023 meeting.

At the link below, please find Enrollment Guidelines and the Guidelines for the Reporting and Approval of Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs to assist you in developing a focused, concise response. 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.

Instructions to assist you in developing and submitting an electronic copy are linked below. The electronic copy must include a signed verification page and must conform to the Commission's electronic submission guidelines.

General Information

The findings of the Commission on Dental Accreditation are noted in the attached Commission approved site visit report. The cited factual inaccuracy for orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and dental hygiene, have 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

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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 (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>.

The program in advanced education in general dentistry (12-month/optional 2nd year) 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 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the program in advanced education in general dentistry (12-month/optional 2nd year). However, accreditation of the program does not in itself constitute recognition of any dental specialty status.

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 (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. 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

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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 (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. 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 dental hygiene 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 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission’s web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>.

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 at 312-440-2721 or by e-mail, at stapletonk@ada.org. Related to the advanced dental education programs, please contact Peggy Soeldner at 312-440-2788 or by e-mail, at soeldnerp@ada.org. Related to the dental hygiene program, please contact Katie Navickas 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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