

Public Notice: Solicitation for Third-Party Comments on Accreditation Review

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is currently reviewing programs scheduled for site visits, as part of its regular accreditation process. As per the United States Department of Education (USDE) regulations, the Commission invites third-party comments from the public, including but not limited to faculty, students, program administrators, dental-related organizations, patients, and consumers, regarding programs undergoing review for accreditation or initial accreditation.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Individuals interested in submitting comments are invited to do so in writing, either signed or unsigned. All comments must relate to the specific accreditation standards for the discipline or to the Commission's policies and procedures. Comments not relevant to these issues will be excluded from the review process.

Submission Guidelines

1. **Eligibility:** Comments should pertain only to accreditation standards or policies used in the Commission's accreditation process.
2. **Deadline: December 20, 2024**
 - For regularly scheduled site visits, comments must be submitted **60 days** prior to the program's site visit date.
3. **Anonymity:** Names and/or signatures will be removed before comments are forwarded to the program under review.
4. **Program Response:** Relevant comments will be referred to the program at least **50 days** (or **20 days** in the case of special visits) prior to the site visit, allowing the program to provide a written response, which must be submitted **15 days** (or **10 days** in the case of special visits) before the site visit.

Contact for Submissions

To submit third-party comments or request additional information regarding the accreditation process or standards, please contact the Commission via email. Postal mail submissions will not be accepted.

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For more information regarding the Commission's policy on third-party comments or to obtain a copy of the appropriate accreditation standards, please visit the CODA website.

Important: Negative comments received after the established deadlines will be treated as formal complaints and handled accordingly. Any unresolved issues concerning a program's compliance with accreditation standards will be reviewed by the visiting committee during their site visit.

The Commission values public input in maintaining the integrity of the accreditation process and looks forward to your participation.