



Commission on Dental Accreditation

August 21, 2017

Dr. Karin Hilgersom
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RE: Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
Dental Assisting Program
Status: Approval without Reporting Requirements

Dear Dr. Hilgersom,

At its August 3, 2017 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) granted the dental assisting program the accreditation status of “accreditation without reporting requirements”. The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. Below is a summary of actions and additional information.

Dental Assisting Progress Report

At its August 3, 2017 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the May 2017 progress report on the dental assisting program. Following careful review of the information provided, the Commission determined that the recommendations cited in the site visit report adopted February 2017 have been met and adopted a resolution to change the program’s accreditation status to “approval without reporting requirements.”

No additional information is requested from the program at this time. The next site visit for the program is scheduled for **2023**.

General Information

In taking this action, the Commission stipulated that it will expect the institution 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.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation monitors increases in enrollment. The purpose

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for monitoring increases in enrollment through review of existing and projected program resources (faculty, patient availability, and variety of procedures, physical/clinical facilities, and allied support services) is to ensure that program resources exist to support the intended enrollment increase. Failure to comply with the policy will jeopardize the program's accreditation status. Commission guidelines for reporting increases in enrollment are enclosed.

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 \$1000.

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 assisting 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: <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

If this office can be of any assistance to you or members of your staff, please contact me at 1-800-621-8099, extension 4660 or by e-mail, at smithmi@ada.org.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: CODA Accreditation Status Definitions

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Guidelines for Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs
Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence

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