



Commission on Dental Accreditation

August 30, 2016

Dr. John Nader
President
Farmingdale State College of New York
2350 Broad Hollow Rd
Farmingdale, NY 11735

RE: Dental Hygiene Program

Dear President Nader:

At its August 4, 2016 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) granted the dental hygiene program the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.” The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. Below is a summary of actions and additional information.

Dental Hygiene Program Change

The Commission considered the May 2016 supplemental documentation on a program change within the dental hygiene program. The Commission noted that the documentation provides information on the decrease in overall credit from 80 to 70 credit hours and the restructure of the degree award from an Associate in Science to an Associate in Applied Science.

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 program’s next site visit scheduled for **2022**.

General Information

In taking this action, the Commission stipulated that it will expect the institution to keep the Commission informed in a timely manner of other anticipated program 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 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.

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

If this office can be of any assistance to you, please contact the Allied accreditation managers, Ms. Patrice Renfrow at renfrowp@ada.org or 1-800-621-8099, extension 2695, or Ms. Alyson Ackerman at ackermana@ada.org or 1-800-621-8099, extension 4660.

Sincerely,



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Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Enclosures Sent Via Email:

CODA Accreditation Status Definitions
Guidelines for Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs
Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence

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cc: Dr. Denny Ryman, dean, School of Health Sciences, Farmingdale State College of New York
Dr. Maureen Tsokris, chair, Department of Dental Hygiene, Farmingdale State College New York
Mr. Herman Bounds, Jr., director, Accreditation Division, U.S. Department of Education (via CODA website)
State Boards of Dentistry (via CODA website)
Institutional Accreditors (via CODA website)
Dr. Karen West, chair, CODA
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Ms. Alyson Ackerman, manager, Allied Dental Education, CODA

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Subject: CODA: Response to Program Change- Farmingdale State College (DH)

Dear President Nader:

The Commission on Dental Accreditation received a report dated June 20, 2016 notifying the Commission of program changes within the dental hygiene program offered by the Farmingdale State College in Farmingdale, New York. The Commission understands that the dental hygiene program plans to offer an optional Bachelor's degree, with a subsequent enrollment increase beginning in year three (3) and four (4) of the program. The Commission understands the total program enrollment will increase from 100 to 110 in year three (3), 120 in year four (4), 130 in year five (5), and 135 in year six (6)

Commission policy states substantial increase in program enrollment, as determined by the Dental Hygiene Review Committee Chair, must be reviewed and approved by the Commission prior to implementation. Based on documentation provided, the Review Committee Chair has determined the increase is not substantial and this change will be reviewed at the time of the program's next site visit in **2022**.

If this office can provide any clarification or assistance, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Patrice Renfrow, manager, Allied Dental Education at renfrowp@ada.org, or 312-440-2695.

Sincerely,
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Links:

[Commission's Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures Manual \(EOPP\)](#)
[Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs](#)