

## Phoenix College Dental Program Accreditation

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### Dental

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The Department of Dental Programs delivers quality instruction to develop highly skilled and ethical oral health care providers. We are committed to professional growth, lifelong learning, and service to the community.

We are pleased to provide excellent programs in both Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting, as well as courses in Continuing Dental Education. For information about our dental programs, the dental clinic, or continuing dental education, please use the contacts below:

#### Dental Department

602.285.7323

#### Dental Clinic

602.285.7323

#### Center for Continuing Dental Education

602.285.7331

### Program Accreditation

#### Dental Hygiene AAS Degree

#### Dental Assisting AAS Degree and Certificate of Completion

The American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation accredits the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs offered by Phoenix College.

The Dental Department offers instruction in the following areas:

- [Center for Continuing Dental Education](#)
- [Dental Assisting](#)
- [Dental Hygiene](#)



Commission on Dental Accreditation

February 25, 2016

Ms. Christina Haines  
Acting President  
Phoenix College  
1202 West Thomas Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85013

**Re: Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs**

Dear President Haines:

At its August 6, 2015 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) postponed action regarding the relocation to new building within the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs sponsored by the Phoenix College in Phoenix, Arizona, and requested supplemental information.

At its February 4, 2016 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the supplemental report received November 16, 2015, providing additional information on the program change. The Commission noted that the report included documentation to verify continued compliance with Standard 4 Educational Support Services.

Following careful review of the information provided, the Commission adopted a resolution to approve the report of program change and continue the **dental assisting** program's accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements."

In a separate action, following careful review of the information provided, the Commission adopted a resolution to approve the report of program change and continue the **dental hygiene** program's accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements."

No additional information is requested from the program at this time. These changes will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled site visit to the programs in **2022**.

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.

**Note: The program's documentation for CODA (self-study, application, or reports to CODA, for example) must NOT contain any sensitive personally identifiable information ("Sensitive Information" or "PII") as outlined in "Privacy and Data Security**

*Requirements for Institutions” (see below). Similarly, such documentation must not contain any identifiable patient information (“PHI”); therefore, no “patient identifiers” may be included (see below). This applies whether or not the program is required to comply with HIPAA.*

***Before sending documents such as self-studies or faculty CVs to CODA, institutions must fully and appropriately redact all PII and all PHI all patient identifiers such that the PII and patient identifiers cannot be read or otherwise reconstructed. Covering information with ink is not an appropriate means of redaction.***

***If the program/institution submits documentation that does not comply with the directives on PHI and PII (noted above), CODA will assess a penalty fee of \$1000 to the institution; a resubmission that continues to contain PHI or PII will be assessed an additional \$1000 fee.***

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 programs in dental assisting and dental hygiene are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [*and have been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements” and “approval without reporting requirements,” respectively]. 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>.*

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

Sincerely,



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Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Sent via e-mail:

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

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