



Commission on Dental Accreditation

Via Email Transmission: llambert@pima.edu

March 2, 2021

Mr. Lee Lambert
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RE: Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona
Dental Hygiene Program
Status: Approval without Reporting Requirements

Dear Mr. Lambert,

At its February 11, 2021 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 linked below. Below is a summary of actions and additional information.

Dental Hygiene Program Change

The Commission considered the October 2020 report describing a proposed program change for the dental hygiene program. The Commission noted that the report describes the addition of an advanced standing policy for Oral Radiology and Dental Materials.

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 next site visit for the program scheduled for **2026**.

General Information

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 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 <http://www.ada.org/en/coda/policies-and-guidelines/hipaa/>. Programs that fail to comply with CODA’s policy will be assessed an administrative fee of \$4000.

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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 me at 312-440-4660 or by e-mail, at smithmi@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](#)

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