

February 9, 2012

Dr. Ray Flores  
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**RE: Dental Laboratory Technology Program**

Dear Dr. Flores:

At its February 2, 2012 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) considered the progress report on the dental laboratory technology sponsored by the Pima County Community College.

Following careful review of the information provided, the Commission determined that the recommendations cited in the August 2011 site visit report have been met and adopted a resolution to change the program's accreditation status to "approval without reporting requirements." The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. No additional information is requested at this time from the program. The next site visit for the program is scheduled for **2018**.

In taking this action, the Commission stipulated that it will expect the institution to keep the Commission informed as soon as possible of anticipated major changes in any approved educational program offered, particularly in the areas of administration, faculty, facilities, enrollment and curriculum. The Commission's policy and guidelines for reporting major program changes are enclosed.

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 laboratory technology 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/100.aspx>.

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If this office can be of any assistance to you or members of your staff, please contact me at 1-800-621-8099, extension 2705 or by e-mail, at [renfrowp@ada.org](mailto:renfrowp@ada.org).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: CODA Accreditation Status Definitions

Sent via e-mail to Program Director:

Reporting Program Changes in Accredited Programs  
Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence  
Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology  
Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures

cc: Ms. Marty Mayhew, dean, Health Related Professions and Nursing  
Mr. Max Atwell, program director, Dental Laboratory Technology  
Dr. Steven Tonelli, chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)  
Dr. Anthony J. Ziebert, interim director, CODA