



Commission on Dental Accreditation

Via Email Transmission: jnassee@pima.edu

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

Dear Dr. Nasse,

At its August 7, 2025 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) considered the May 2025 supplemental report related to a **permanent** increase in enrollment of five (5) students, from 30 to 35 students per year, effective Fall 2025, for the dental hygiene education program. The Commission also considered this issue at its Winter 2025 meeting.

After careful review of all pertinent information, the Commission adopted a resolution **approving** the program's request and maintaining the program's accreditation status of "**approval without reporting requirements**."

General Information

All institutions offering programs accredited by the Commission are expected to adhere to deadlines for requests for program information. If an institution fails to comply with the Commission's request, or a prescribed deadline, it will be assumed that the institution no longer wishes to participate in the accreditation program. In this event, the Commission will immediately notify the chief executive officer of the institution of its intent to withdraw the accreditation of the program(s) at its next scheduled meeting.

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

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.

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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 (800) 232-6108 or at 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/>.

If this office can be of assistance to you or members of your staff, please contact me at 312-440-2695 or by e-mail, at navickask@ada.org.

Sincerely,



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Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Web Links: [Guidelines for Reporting Program Changes](#)
[Electronic Submission Guidelines](#)
[Guidelines for Reporting Enrollment Increases](#)
[Policy & Procedure Manual](#)

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