



Commission on Dental Accreditation

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March 2, 2022

Mr. Lee Lambert  
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RE: Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona  
Dental Laboratory Technology Program  
Status: Approval without Reporting Requirements, Teach Out Through Summer 2023

Dear Mr. Lambert,

At its February 10, 2022 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) reviewed correspondence dated November 30, 2021, which included a Teach-Out Plan for the dental laboratory technology program.

Following careful review of the information provided, the Commission adopted a resolution to **approve** the teach-out plan, grant the program the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements, teach-out through Summer 2023” and monitor the program through the Annual Survey. If warranted, the Commission reserves the right to request supplemental information or direct a special focused site visit. The definitions of accreditation classifications are linked below.

In accord with Commission policy, all students who matriculated prior to the program’s reported discontinuance effective date of Summer 2023 will be considered graduates of an accredited program. The Commission understands that the final class of students enrolled in the accredited program will graduate Summer 2023 and the accredited program will be discontinued at that time. It is the program’s responsibility to provide written confirmation to the Commission that the final class has graduated. The program will receive final notice of the Commission’s action to affirm the program’s decision to discontinue accreditation following its August 10, 2023 meeting.

Please note that the Commission is required by Federal regulation to inform the United States Department of Education as well as appropriate institutional accrediting and state agencies that the accreditation status of the dental laboratory technology program is being phased out. Notice

to the appropriate accrediting, state licensing/authorizing agencies, and public is provided through the Commission's listing of accredited programs.

### **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/en/policies-and-guidelines/hipaa>. 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.

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, teach out through Summer 2023"*]. 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. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/en>.

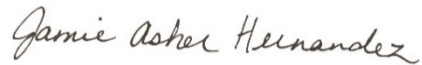
If this office can be of any assistance to you or members of your staff, please contact me at 312-440-4660 or by e-mail, at [asherhernandezj@ada.org](mailto:asherhernandezj@ada.org).

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Sincerely,



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Web Links: [Accreditation Status Definitions](#)  
[Guidelines for Reporting Program Changes](#)  
[Electronic Submission Guidelines](#)

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