

Commission of Dental Accreditation
Solicitation for Third Party Comments

Lake Area Technical College's Dental Assisting Program is seeking continuing accreditation through the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). For the past year, the Dental Assisting program has been engaged in a thorough self-study process designed to maintain and improve the quality of the educational program. A team of CODA site reviewers is scheduled for a visit to meet with college administration, program faculty, students and community partners on September 22-23, 2022.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

The Commission will consider only formal, written, signed complaints; oral and unsigned complaints will not be considered. An appropriate complaint is one that directly addresses a program's compliance with the Commission's standards, policies and procedures. *All comments must be received by CODA at least sixty (60) days in advance of the site visit.*

The Commission, upon request, will take every reasonable precaution to prevent the identity of the complainant from being revealed to the program; however, the Commission cannot guarantee the confidentiality of the complainant. The Commission strongly encourages attempts at informal or formal resolution through the program's or sponsoring institution's internal processes prior to initiating a formal complaint with the Commission.

A copy of the accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago IL 60611 or by calling 1-800-621-8099, extension 4653. They can also be found at www.ada.org/en/coda.