COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Posting Form for Policy on Third Party Comments

The Commission currently publishes, in its accredited lists of programs, the year of the next site visit for each program it accredits. In addition, the Commission posts its spring and fall announcements on the Accreditation Announcements area of ada.org for those programs being site visited January through June or July through December. Developing programs submitting applications for initial accreditation may be scheduled for site visits after the posting on ada.org; thus, the specific dates of these site visits will not be available for publication. These programs will be listed in the Accreditation Announcements with a special notation that the developing programs have submitted applications for initial accreditation and may or may not be scheduled for site visits. Parties interested in these specific dates (should they be established) are welcomed/encouraged to contact the Commission office.

The United States Department of Education (USDE) procedures now also require accrediting agencies to provide an opportunity for third-party comment, either in writing or at a public hearing (at the accrediting agencies’ discretion) with respect to institutions or programs scheduled for review. All comments must relate to accreditation standards for the discipline and required accreditation policies. In order to comply with the department’s requirement on the use of third-party comment regarding program’s qualifications for accreditation or pre-accreditation, the following procedures have been developed.

WHO CAN SUBMIT COMMENTS: Third-party comments relative to the Commission’s accredited programs may include comments submitted by interested parties such as faculty, students, program administrators, Commission consultants, specialty and dental-related organizations, patients, and/or consumers.

HOW COMMENTS CAN BE SOLICITED: The Commission will request written comments from interested parties in the spring and fall Accreditation Announcements on ada.org. In fairness to the accredited programs, all comments relative to programs being visited will be due in the Commission office no later than 60 days prior to each program’s site visit to allow time for the program to respond. Therefore, programs being site-visited in January through June will be listed in the fall posting of the previous year and programs scheduled for a site visit from July through December will be listed in the spring posting of the current year. Any unresolved issues related to the program’s compliance with the accreditation standards will be reviewed by the site visit team while on-site.

All relevant comments will be referred to the program at least 50 days prior to the site visit for review and response. A written response from the program should be provided to the Commission office and the site visit team 15 days prior to the site visit. Adjustments may be necessary in the site visit schedule to allow discussion of comments with proper personnel.

INSTITUTION: College of Southern Idaho

PROGRAM(S) TO BE REVIEWED: Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting

60-DAY DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMMENTS IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE
(Commission of Dental Accreditation, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611)