CODA Unofficial Report of Major Actions
By Cynthia Biron Leiseca

The Commission on Dental Accreditation met in closed session on January 29-30, 2014 at the ADA Headquarters in Chicago, IL

Here is the link to the unofficial report:

Here are excerpts of interest from the report for DA & DH Programs

- Accreditation was granted to one new DA program and two new DH programs.
- The Commission directed that the modified proposed Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs be circulated to the communities of interest until December 1, 2014 for consideration by the Dental Therapy Standards Development Task Force and the Commission at the February 2015 meeting of the Commission. Open Hearings will be conducted at the ADEA Annual Session, ADHA Annual Session, ADAA Annual Session, and the ADA Annual Session.
- Approving accreditation fees for 2015 as follows: $1620 for dental assisting, dental hygiene and all advanced education programs, and $1,140 for dental laboratory technology programs. Approving in 2015 a $35 administrative fee for the Research and Development Fund. Affirming that during the year of a regular accreditation site visit, the annual fee will be doubled. Maintaining the application fee of $50,000 for pre-doctoral programs and $15,000 for all other dental programs. Maintaining additional 2015 fees as follows: $4,000 special focused site visit administrative fee; $1,000 penalty for non-compliance with CODA policy on HIPAA; $250-$500 Electronic Conversion of Paper Documents Fee; and $200 minimum Email/Contact Distribution List Fee.

Why is Standard 3 “Educational Methodology” so frequently cited at accreditation site visits?

Here is the actual standard from the Dental Assisting Self-Study Guide for Accreditation. (Standard 3-7 from the DH Self-Study guide is similar), and the important points so often missed or misinterpreted are bolded in RED:

3-5 Dental assisting faculty must have background in and current knowledge of dental assisting, the specific subjects they are teaching and educational theory and methodology consistent with teaching assignment, e.g., curriculum development, educational psychology, test construction, measurement and evaluation,

Intent:
Dental assisting faculty have current knowledge at an appropriate level for the subject they teach, educational theory and methodology, and if applicable, in distance education techniques and delivery. Licensed dentists who provide supervision in the facility as required by the state dental practice act, who are not evaluating students, should have qualifications that comply with the state’s dental practice act, and are calibrated with program policies and protocols, goals and objectives.

What does the above standard mean? Let’s look at the words and where they fit into methodology.

Current: within the last two years. So that means faculty members need a new course in General Educational Methodology every two years.

Specific subjects: knowledge in subjects one is teaching such as radiology, pharmacology, oral pathology, nutrition etc. and most importantly “How to teach” it.

Educational Methodology & Theory:

There are two types:

- General Educational Methodology

Required for all full and part time instructors in clinics and externships (anyone teaching and evaluating students)

Topics that should be included in a complete one day general educational methodology course:

1) Educational psychology
Learning Environment
Curriculum Development
Faculty attributes
Student needs

2) Teaching and Learning Styles
Instructor Calibration
Critical thinking
Online instruction
Self-evaluation

3) Test Construction
4) Assessment of Learning
5) Feedback and Interaction
6) Remediation

It takes a minimum of 8 hours to cover all the above topics in one general educational methodology course. A four hour teaching methodology course is not adequate for covering these topics.

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Educational Methodology per Subject

Required for any instructor teaching specific subjects such as radiology, nutrition, oral pathology, periodontology, pharmacology, histology, dental materials, medical emergencies, clinical dental assisting, clinical dental hygiene, ethics, etc.

What topics should be covered in an educational methodology per subject course?

Specific subject methodology courses show you how to teach a specific subject by:

1) providing examples on how to develop the course:
2) writing the course description
3) preparing specific topic objectives/learning outcomes
4) structuring and organizing the lesson plans
5) preparing the course syllabus
6) creating effective visuals such as power point presentations
7) delivering topics to students by explaining and simplifying the complex
8) diversifying learning activities,
9) constructing test questions specific to the subject
10) effectively evaluating student learning
11) implementing new information from research to assure that the course you teach is current and evidence based
12) linking your course topics to the entire program curriculum goals and competencies.

So to meet the requirements for Standard 3-5 in Dental Assisting and 3-7 in Dental Hygiene, most faculty members need to take more than one methodology course. All need general educational methodology and each need specific subject educational methodology for every course they teach.

Here is how CODA describes the DH Standard on Educational Methodology

3-7 The dental hygiene program must be staffed by a core of well-qualified full-time faculty who possess a baccalaureate or higher degree. Faculty providing didactic instruction must have earned at least a baccalaureate degree or be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program. All dental hygiene program faculty members must have current knowledge of the specific subjects they are teaching. All program faculty must have documented background in educational methodology consistent with teaching assignments.

Intent: Faculty should have background in education theory and practice, current concepts relative to the specific subjects they are teaching, and current clinical practice experience and, if applicable, distance education techniques and delivery. Dentists and dental hygienists who supervise students’ clinical procedures should have qualifications which comply with the state dental or dental hygiene practice act. Individuals who teach and supervise dental hygiene students in clinical enrichment experiences should have qualifications comparable to faculty who teach in the dental hygiene clinic and are familiar with the program’s objectives, content, instructional methods and evaluation procedures.

The standards are worded differently for each discipline, but the requirements for meeting the standards are about the same. One methodology course in not enough for most faculty members.

Here is how you can be sure your faculty is demonstrating compliance with the standard?

1. Have everyone who teaches your students on or off campus take a general educational methodology workshop (full day—all topics) every two years.
2. Have every instructor who teaches a didactic course or clinical course take an educational methodology course specific to the subject they are teaching and they should also update take continuing education courses on the subject annually.
3. Have every instructor who teaches in a clinical setting, working in clinical practice some of the time, summers, a couple days a month in faculty practice or community service clinics. Providing tutorials for students by having students assist and/or observe you practice is an excellent way of meeting this requirement.
4. Have the program director take curriculum planning and related workshops regularly to bring the information back to update the faculty for all to be current in making informed decisions for program changes.
5. Provide faculty CV’s, course certificates, and clinical practice documentation as exhibits for demonstrating compliance with the standard.

All accreditation issues will be discussed at Summer Camp 2014 where there will be two separate Accreditation Workshops:
Dental Hygiene Accreditation Workshop—August 6th, 8am-5pm
Dental Assisting Accreditation Workshop—August 8th, 8am-5pm
Register online: http://www.dhmethod.com/category/EC5.html
In the Spotlight:

Penny Jackson worked in Public Education for 35 years and is currently a consultant for Educational Facilities and for profit corporations. She retired as an Assistant Superintendent for Steilacoom School District in Washington State. In that role she provided vision, supervision and evaluations for Administration, Human Resources Department, Categorical programs including special education, English Language Learners, student information systems, and District professional staff development programs. Currently she is President-Elect on the board for a non-profit Mental Health Agency. As a consultant she provides Leadership Coaching to Program Administrators. In addition she conducts Leadership Seminars, Teaming Workshops, additionally providing educational employee and/or program evaluations.

Penny received a BA in Education at Oregon State University (1975). She went on to receive a Masters of Arts in Speech Pathology at Western Washington University (1986). Penny’s certifications include: Administrators Certificate for Washington State from Pacific Lutheran University (1987); Principal Certificate at City University (2003). In June 2010 Penny completed her Educational Executive Leadership Superintendent Program and Leadership Coaching training for Administrators from Seattle University College of Education.

Penny has had specialized training in mediation and interest bargaining serving on bargaining teams for numerous bargaining groups.

She will bring new perspectives in team building to our DA and DH program directors in the Program Director’s Leadership Strategies Workshop. If you are a DA or DH program director you will not want to miss this workshop.

$1000 Scholarships

Again, this year at Summer Camp we will be selling T-Shirts and holding raffles to raise scholarships for DA and DH students. On the last day of camp an attendee’s name is drawn and she or he meets with the faculty from their school to determine who receives the scholarship money. See the thank you letter from last year’s winner.

New Scholarship for Faculty

At Summer Camp 2014, we will have an additional drawing to select an attendee who will win a $1000 scholarship toward Summer Camp 2015. They may choose to give the scholarship to another faculty member from their own school.

Here is a message from Carson Heiny:

I wish to thank you for the DH Educator’s Summer Camp Scholarship.

When I graduate from the DA Program, I want to work as a pediatric dental assistant while continuing school to become a pediatric dental hygienist.

My goal in becoming successful in a pediatric dental practice is to help teach young children and families about the importance of dental exams, and good oral health through proper personal oral hygiene.

I love being around children. In high school I participated in several clubs involving working with children.

In my senior year at CAM High School, I worked in a club called Project Pals. I worked with 2nd graders in the North CAM Elementary School helping them with school work and educational activities. I also worked with was CAM Fit, leading workouts in the CAM Middle School every day after school.

During the summer, from 8am to 4pm. I was the neighborhood babysitter who conducted learning activities with the children.

I’ve wanted to become a dental assistant since my freshman year of high school. I worked hard to get accepted into the Marshalltown Community College DA Program, class of 2014, inclusive of being on the honor roll my senior year.

I plan to continue working hard, both for the academic achievement and for the professional rewards.

This $1000 scholarship is much appreciated and will allow me to concentrate more on studies and less on the many concerns with college expenses.

Thank you for helping me to achieve my goals!

Sincerely,

Carson Heiny
Summer Camp Amelia Island 2014

Summer Camp Amelia Island 2013 was a huge success with 109 attendees from 56 schools attending some or all of the 6 day camp.

To better serve both DA & DH disciplines we will have separate workshops for each discipline and joint workshops for collaboration and interaction. To accomplish this we will have a longer camp with small classes. Summer Camp 2014 will be held at the Hampton Inn Harborfront from August 5 through 12. It will be an 8 day camp and we are taking over the whole hotel in hopes everyone can stay there. Last year many of you got a suite and brought your families for a summer vacation for a week. You will still be able to do that at the block of rooms rate but you must book your rooms in advance to be accommodated.

We have more experts joining the team for accreditation. Gwen Welling will be with us again and Doni Bird and Brenda Maddox, both very experienced CODA consultants and curriculum experts, will be presenting to guide you through the process of preparing for your site visits.

Separate DA and DH Clinical Teaching Methodology Workshops will provide you with all the electronic documents you need to calibrate, teach, evaluate and operate your on-sight clinics in accordance with accreditation standards.

**Requests you made that will be met:**

- Program Director Leadership Workshop
- The Complete Oral Pathology Course
- The Complete Pharmacology & Medical Emergency Course
- Mindfulness in Teaching Course
- Periodontal Case Base Teaching Workshop
- DH Clinical Teaching Workshop
- DA Clinical Teaching Workshop
- Open Access to TalEval Trainers
- Separate Courses for DA & DH
  - Accreditation Workshops
  - Curriculum Management Workshops
- Small Classes

Some classes are almost full and will close before early registration deadline. We are unable to reserve your place without payment with your registration.

**Sponsorships:**

We have received sponsorship from Dentsply for a hands-on course in ultrasonic instrumentation to be held on Friday, August 8th at 3:15 PM. The class is limited to 20 participants and is free of charge for those who have registered in other classes. It will close when full.

We have also received a sponsorship from London Medical Associates for free tuition for camp attendees to the course “A New Dental Specialty” to be held on Thursday, August 7th at 3:30 PM. You must have registered in at least one other paid course to attend this free course.

See the update on the registration form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Summer Camp Testimonials:

[Click here > http://www.dhmethed.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/Updated%20Testimonials%20by%20course.pdf]
Testimonials on the New Sharpening Horse

"Now that the students use the Sharpening Horse, we can introduce sharpening earlier in the curriculum as it is so easy for them to master the technique. The instruments last longer. When they trade in their instruments before they take their boards the instruments are not over sharpened and worn like they use to be with the old techniques. With the Sharpening Horse technique there is more cutting edge left than before. It is much easier to get consistency with their sharpening with this technique. I have tried all the sharpening systems out there and this is the only thing that truly works!"  
Marta Ferguson, RDH, PhD, Director of Dental Hygiene, Indian River State College, FL

"The report from the second year instructors is that the students’ instruments are not only sharp, but they are holding their shape and contour which is a vast improvement over the stationary instrument/moving stone method which caused many curets to be turned into sickles from holding the stone at the wrong angle. The Sharpening Horse is easy to teach and use!"  
Janet Ogden, RDH, MS Columbia Basin College, WA

"We teach the students the stationary instrument/moving stone method first and then show them the Sharpening Horse. This year, the students wanted to know why we taught the other method when the Sharpening Horse is so much easier and exact. I like the Sharpening Horse because it makes sharpening so easy. "DIY Sharpening for Dummy's!" No need to spend so much time thinking about angles. The Sharpening Horse automatically ‘sets the perfect angle’ of the stone for the bevel of the blade."  
Susan Smith, RDH, MS Clinic Coordinator, Wake Technical College, Raleigh, NC.

"I discussed the Sharpening Horse technique with the full time faculty and they said instrument sharpening has been much easier to teach and learn using the Sharpening Horse technique. By using it routinely students have positive experiences with their instrumentation. The Sharpening Horse helps to maintain the integrity of the instruments. “  
Susan Moss RDH, MS, Director of Dental Hygiene, Collin State College, McKinney, TX

"The Sharpening Horse design is a brilliant, user friendly approach to the critical maintenance of dental hygiene instruments. The concept and the technique is very adaptable for novice and experts in dental hygiene, and our program faculty made the Sharpening Horse its choice recommendation for the dental hygiene student kits from this time forward!"  
Vicki L. Snell RDH, EdM Lewis & Clark Community College, IL

"Recently I had the opportunity to sharpen many instrument kits for a hands on scaling technique presentation. Each kit contained 10 various curettes and scalers. I was amazed at how easy it was to sharpen these instruments quickly and precisely with the Sharpening Horse. I recommend the Sharpening Horse to all my students, faculty and fellow hygienists at every given opportunity. When I am in clinic and instruments need sharpening I have the students take their instruments for a quick ride on the Sharpening Horse and they are truly amazed at how accurate and easy this technique is to return their blades back to a sharp and effective working edge.”  
Cathleen Korondi, CDA, RDH, EdM, Director of Dental Hygiene Illinois Central College

The sharpening horse has proven to be the best method of sharpening instruments for our students. The technique is easy to learn for beginning clinicians, producing a sharp cutting edge and maintaining the original design of the blade. The instruments are lasting longer, since the students can consistently control the angle, pressure and movement of the blade against the stone. They love it and sharpening has never been so easy.
Michele Edwards, CDA, RDH, MS Chair of Tallahassee Community College Dental Programs, FL

Instrument sharpening is one of the most important, yet challenging, skills for hygiene students to master. The Sharpening Horse makes this skill easy to learn and students can quickly produce a perfectly sharp cutting edge restoring the blade in its original design. Confidence in their ability to produce a sharp cutting edge motivates students to employ instrument sharpening as a routine daily task.  
Jill S. Nield-Gehrig, RDH, MS Dean Emeritus Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, NC

The Sharpening Horse is great to use chairside as it is easy to use and to autoclave. It has given the students the confidence to sharpen their instruments without asking, “Am I doing this right?” Our instructors say that the Sharpening Horse makes it so easy for students to sharpen instruments they actually use it in clinic!"  
Catherine Dunn, RDH, MS Director of Dental Hygiene Mississippi Delta College

| Bulk orders of 10 or more for students is |
| You can now purchase bulk orders online: $58.50 per kit |
| With the Sharpening Horse Kit you can teach them both techniques: Moving instrument or Moving Stone |
| The ceramic stone included in the kit is of superior quality! |
| Or purchase through your bookstore Cindy@DHmethEd.com |

Complete instructions on how to use the Sharpening Horse can be found on Pages 590-597 of this textbook

Bulk Order Online: http://www.dhmethed.com/PP1/SSHK.html
From Cindy Biron Leiseca, former Chairperson at Tallahassee Community College, “Our CODA site visiting team said “Taleval is impressive for generating reports for outcomes assessment, quality assurance and objective grading of student performance in clinic.” With Taleval, tracking is automatic, web-based and encrypted.

See Cindy’s Taleval documents on this link: http://www.dhmethed.com/id21.html

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**College/ Univ. Where Teaching:**______________________________________Circle your discipline: CDA, DDS, DMD, RDH

Requests for cancellations must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the camp date. However, for cancellations received after this deadline, 75% of the tuition may be applied toward future camps. Tuitions for no-shows will be forfeited NO EXCEPTIONS. DH Methods of Education, Inc. is not responsible for reimbursement of non-refundable airline tickets and any other travel expenses if the course is cancelled.

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