

August 5, 2011

Dr. Rose Joyce
Interim President
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RE: Dental Hygiene Program

Dear President Joyce:

At its August 4, 2011 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) considered the site visit report on the dental hygiene program sponsored by West Los Angeles College.

On the basis of this review, the Commission adopted a resolution to grant the program the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.” The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. No additional information is requested from the program at this time. The next site visit for the program is scheduled for **2017**.

A copy of the Commission’s site visit report is enclosed. One copy of this report and the related enclosures have also been sent to the chief administrative officer and program director copied on this letter. The Commission requests that a copy of this report and the related enclosures be forwarded to appropriate individuals.

In taking this action, the Commission stipulated that it will expect the institution to keep the Commission informed as soon as possible of anticipated major changes in any approved educational program offered, particularly in the areas of administration, faculty, facilities and curriculum. The Commission’s policy and guidelines for reporting major program changes can be found on the web at the following link:
<http://www.ada.org/314.aspx>.

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 (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission’s web address is: <http://www.ada.org/100.aspx>

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The Commission wishes to thank you and the faculty and staff for their cooperation during the site visit. If this office can be of any assistance to you, please contact me at (800) 621-8099, extension 2695 or e-mail me at wellingg@ada.org.

Sincerely,



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Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Enclosures: CODA Accreditation Status Definitions
Formal Report of the Site Visit

Enclosures sent to the program director via email:

Reporting Major Changes in Accredited Programs
Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence
Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures
Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Programs

cc: Ms. Aracely Aguiar, dean, Academic Affairs, Career and Technical Education
Ms. Carmen Dones, chair/program director, Dental Hygiene
Dr. Donald R. Joondeph, chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
Dr. Anthony J. Ziebert, director, CODA

