



2016

ANNUAL REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS

The Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) is a partnership with membership from the public and organizations representing oral health care professionals, educators who prepare them and regulators responsible for their competence and continuing safe practice. CDAC, in consultation with its partners, develops and approves requirements for educational programs preparing dentists, dental specialists, dental interns/residents, dental hygienists and dental assistants. CDAC also develops and approves requirements or standards for institutional dental services. CDAC reviews educational programs and dental services by means of structured, on-site visits following receipt of submissions presenting detailed information in the required format. Programs and services meeting or exceeding the requirements are granted accredited status.

The CDAC 2016 meetings were held in Ottawa, Ontario on November 19 to 21, 2016.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report of the Documentation Committee

In 2016, no items requiring CDAC action were discussed.

The Documentation Committee directed CDAC staff to revise the current process for requesting changes to accreditation requirements from stakeholders. It will now require including background information, rationale, and supporting documentation, prior to circulation of the changes for comment.

Following conversations regarding the renewal of the national competencies for a beginning practitioner, a sub-committee to review DDS/DMD accreditation requirements will be created. The Committee recognizes that this process will likely be conducted over a two-year period (2017-2018).

The Committee also considered a request from the Canadian Dental Assisting Regulatory Authorities (CDARA) regarding the accreditation of dental assisting expanded activity training modules (Orthodontic and Restorative). The Committee agreed this request should be explored further and that a Sub-Committee be established to review and investigate the CDARA request.

CDAC accreditation requirements are available on the website at www.cdac-cadc.ca.

Report of the Finance Committee

CDAC 2015 detailed financial information was circulated to all CDAC stakeholders

The 2017 CDAC budget was approved as circulated to stakeholders and presented to the Commission.

The following regulatory authority grants were approved for 2017:

1. \$20.53 per licensed dentist
2. \$8.20 per licensed dental hygienist
3. \$8.37 per licensed dental assistant*
 - * from the eight provinces that register/license dental assistants (British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Saskatchewan)

Accreditation Surveys

1. The following programs participated in an accreditation survey in 2016 and were granted accreditation status:

Dental/Dental Specialty Programs (4)

- Dalhousie University
- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
 - Qualifying Program
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
 - Periodontics

Dental Hygiene Programs (2)

- Dalhousie University
- St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology
- Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology

Dental Assisting Programs (6)

- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
- University of the Fraser Valley
- Keyin College
- CDI Calgary (***New***)

- St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology
- Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology

Dental Internship Programs, Health Facilities, and Fellowships (12)

- Université Laval – Non-Hospital Based Internship
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – Dental Service
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – Internship
- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Dental Service
- British Columbia Children’s Hospital – Dental Service
- Hospital for Sick Children – Dental Service
- Hospital for Sick Children – Internship
- Hospital for Sick Children – Orthodontic Craniofacial and Special Care Clinical Fellowship Program **(New)**
- Hospital for Sick Children – Pediatric Dentistry Craniofacial and Special Care Clinical Fellowship Program **(New)**
- University of Alberta Hospital – Service
- University of Alberta Hospital – Internship
- Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – Service

The listing of educational programs, health facilities, and fellowship programs accredited by CDAC is available on the website at www.cdac-cadc.ca.

2. The following program participated in an accreditation survey in 2016 and was not granted accreditation status:

Dental Internship Program (1)

- University of Saskatchewan – Non-Hospital Based General Practice Residency

CDAC's Constituents' Reports

The following constituent groups presented reports:

- Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry
- Canadian Dental Association
- Canadian Dental Hygienists' Association
- Canadian Dental Assistants' Association
- Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities' Federation
- Dental Assisting Regulatory Authorities

- Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulatory Authorities
- National Dental Examining Board
- National Dental Hygiene Certification Board
- National Dental Assisting Examining Board
- Royal College of Dentists of Canada

International Activities

The CDAC Chair and the Director attended the International Society of Dental Regulators (ISDR) Annual Conference in Geneva, Switzerland (May, 2016).

Dr. Amarjit Rihal, CDAC Chair, was elected as a member of the ISDR Executive Committee.

The CDAC Chair and the Director also attended the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA) meetings in August, 2016.

On the Drawing Board

2017

Dental Clinics of the Canadian Armed Forces

During the November 2016 Commission meeting, CDAC approved a motion to conduct accreditation survey visits of the Canadian Armed Forces dental clinics. This will represent survey visits to 25 dental clinics, conducted over two weeks in 2017 (April and June).

International Activities

The CDAC Chair and the Director will be attending the International Society of Dental Regulators (ISDR) Annual Conference in London, UK (October, 2017).

Following the ISDR Conference, considering the reciprocity agreement signed in 2012 between CDAC and the Dental Council of Ireland (DCI), the CDAC Chair and the Director will be participating in the survey visit conducted by DCI in Cork.

The CDAC Chair and the Director will also be attending the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA) meetings in August, 2017.

Accreditation Software

Work will begin in 2017 to identify a company and to start the development of a new CDAC accreditation software aimed at creating efficiencies in the accreditation process.

2018

In 2018, CDAC will be conducting, with the help of a facilitator, a thorough strategic planning exercise with the objective of creating a strategic plan to guide CDAC activities and relationships with stakeholders.

About the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

Vision

Quality educational programs and health facilities through accreditation.

Mission

The CDAC evaluates oral health educational programs and health facilities to determine eligibility for and grant accreditation.

Goals

1. Develop and maintain national accreditation requirements for education programs and health facilities based on current knowledge and practice in consultation with stakeholders
2. Collaborate with certification bodies and regulatory authorities in the evaluation of programs preparing entry level practitioners
3. Evaluate educational programs and health facilities using defined processes
4. Identify accredited educational programs and health facilities
5. Monitor the need to establish reciprocal agreements with related international accrediting agencies

Values

CDAC is committed to the integration of the following values:

Quality – Striving for excellence in all its endeavours

Collaboration – Engaging with stakeholders to accomplish its mission

Respect – Embracing diversity of ideas, culture and language

Integrity – Acting in an ethical and transparent manner

Structure and Committees

CDAC is comprised of 21 members who represent the following regulatory authorities, examining/certification boards, educators, professional associations, and the public.

CDAC review committees

There are 4 standing review committees:

- Dentistry Committee (DDS/DMD, specialties and qualifying programs)
- Dental Hygiene Committee
- Dental Assisting Committee
- Health Facilities/Dental Residencies Committee

Each committee reviews the confidential accreditation survey reports and the progress reports pertaining to that committee's mandate. Each committee then makes a recommendation on the program's accreditation status to CDAC.

CDAC Sub-committees

- Finance Committee
- Documentation Committee
- Nominating Committee

CDAC Chair and Staff Members

Chair	Dr. Amarjit Rihal
Director	Frédéric Duguay
Manager	Lee Callan
Coordinator	Diane Dumas
Coordinator	Susie Presutti