

University of Florida  
College of Dentistry  
**2015 ACCREDITATION**  
**Update**

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To: UF College of Dentistry,

On September 29, the college's CODA Accreditation Site Visit begins and, for three days, we will have an opportunity to showcase our programs and demonstrate what makes the UF College of Dentistry a unique and highly-regarded dental education program.

The site visit brings dental educators from across the country to our campus. Some will review our DMD education program, some will review our advanced education programs, and others are observers, here to learn more about the CODA accreditation site visit process and how they can prepare their own educational programs for a self-study.

All of these scheduled visitors will receive copies of our self-study and appendices 60 days before the site visit begins so the DMD Self-Study document is nearing completion and will be printed and shipped before the end of July.

Please take a moment to review the draft standard narratives that are posted on the [accreditation website here](#), particularly those that relate to your own areas of expertise. If you have feedback or questions, you can contact the chairs for each standard; the [committee listing is here](#).

While a large contingent of the college is working on the DMD program self-study, groups in each of the specialty programs that are also undergoing accreditation are working on their self-studies as well. Once the DMD self-study document is mailed, our focus will swing to detailed planning for the site visit itself in coordination with the specialty programs. CODA has very detailed requirements for the site visit which some people equate with planning for a three-day wedding with a dress rehearsal, multiple venues, transportation, catering and lodging all incorporated into the event. The only thing missing, really, is a band and decorations!

So I expect that our event planning team will reach out to others in the college for some assistance with planning and logistics for the site visit -- I am gratified to learn that we have quite a deep pool of talent from which to draw.

As always, thank you all for your efforts thus far on this important process. I am confident in the quality of our educational programs and am looking forward to sharing the details of our programs with the site visitors.

With kind regards,

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## What are the goals for the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs?

The assessment of quality in educational programs is the foundation for the standards.

In addition to the emphasis on quality education, the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs are designed to meet the following goals:

- to protect the public welfare.
- to promote an educational environment that fosters innovation and continuous improvement.
- to guide institutions in developing their academic programs.
- to guide site visit teams in making judgments regarding the quality of the program.
- to provide students with reasonable assurance that the program is meeting its stated objectives.

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