

**COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION
POSTING FORM FOR POLICY ON THIRD PARTY COMMENTS**

The Lanier Technical College Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The program continually strives to provide quality education through program evaluation and improvement. As part of this process, the Commission on Dental Accreditation will be visiting Lanier Technical College in October to evaluate the program. The third-party comment request allows third-parties to make comments and recommendations about the program as they relate to the Commission's standards.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation requests that parties interested in making comments concerning the Lanier Technical College Dental Assisting program send comments no later than sixty (60) days prior to the program's site visit. All comments must relate to accreditation standards for the discipline and required accreditation policies.

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 posting of Accreditation Announcements. 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 noted in the fall posting of Accreditation Announcements of the previous year and programs scheduled for a site visit from July through December will be noted 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.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy on third-party comments may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, or by calling 1/800-621-8099, extension 4653.

TYPES OF COMMENTS CONSIDERED: All comments submitted must pertain only to the standards relative to the particular program being reviewed or policies and procedures used in the accreditation process. Comments will be screened by Commission staff for relevancy. For comments not relevant to these issues, the individual will be notified that the comment is not related to accreditation and, where appropriate, referred to the appropriate agency. For those individuals who are interested in submitting comments, requests can be made to the Commission office for receiving standards and/or the Commission's Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures (EOPP).

MANAGEMENT OF COMMENTS: 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: Lanier Technical College
PROGRAM(S) TO BE REVIEWED: Dental Assisting Program
SITE VISIT DATE: October 15-17, 2013
60-DAY DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMMENTS IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE: August 16, 2013
Commission on Dental Accreditation, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 (2/06)**

The above information was adapted from the CODA website, *Posting for Policy on Third Party Comment*. Reaffirmed: 8/10, 1/03; Revised: 7/09, 8/02, 2/06, 1/97; Adopted: 7/95