

NOTICE
INVITATION FOR THIRD PARTY COMMENTS

Take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the Northern Arizona University Department of Dental Hygiene Program's National Accreditation.
The program will be visited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) on October 20 and 21, 2020.

In accordance with Commission accreditation activities, third party comments are being solicited at this time. This notice is to inform students, faculty, patients, and other interested parties of their right to submit comments to CODA regarding Dental Hygiene program adherence to accreditation standards. CODA is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental related education programs, but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion, or dismissal of faculty, staff, or students.

The deadline to submit comments to the Commission office is Aug 1, 2020 (60 days prior to the site visit.). Comments will be screened by Commission staff for relevance and only signed comments will be considered. Please note that comments submitted must pertain to the Standards for Dental Hygiene programs or the policies and procedures used in the commission's accreditation process.

For more information, see the entire policy on Third Party Comments in the Evaluation Policies & Procedures manual at
<https://www.ada.org/en/coda/policies-and-guidelines/policy-and-procedure-manual>

Third party comments are solicited by means of student meetings, informational sheets, emails, and website postings. All students, faculty, staff, and potential students were informed of their right to respond. This information remains in the Dental Hygiene Student Handbook on a continual basis as well as the Northern Arizona University Dental Hygiene Website. Posters containing the Policy on Third Party Comments were placed within visibility of students and patients in the dental hygiene clinic reception area ninety days prior to the site visit.

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