

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

IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

The United States Department of Education (USDE) procedures require accrediting agencies to provide an opportunity for third-party comment, either in writing or at a public hearing (at the accrediting agencies' discretion) with respect to institutions or programs scheduled for review. All comments must relate to accreditation standards for the discipline and required accreditation policies. In compliance with the Department's requirement on the use of third-party comment regarding program's qualifications for accreditation or initial accreditation, the following posting has been developed.

Iowa Central Community college is seeking initial accreditation and is scheduled for an initial accreditation site-visit on January 23rd and 24th of 2023. Iowa Central's Dental Assisting program must solicit third-party comments through appropriate notification of communities of interest and the public such as faculty, students, program administrators, dental-related organizations, patients, and consumers at least ninety (90) days prior to their site visit.

There is a deadline for submission of sixty (60) days for receipt of third-party comments in the Commission office and signed or unsigned comments will be accepted, names and/or signatures will be removed from comments prior to forwarding them to the program, and that comments must pertain only to the **standards** for the particular program or policies and procedures used in the Commission's accreditation process.

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.

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. Signed or unsigned comments will be considered. 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 may be made to the Commission office.

All relevant comments will have signatures removed and will then be referred to the program at least fifty (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 visiting committee fifteen (15) days prior to the site visit. Adjustments may be necessary in the site visit schedule to allow discussion of comments with proper personnel. Negative comments received after the established deadline of sixty (60) days prior to the site visit will be handled as a complaint.

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INSTITUTION: Iowa Central Community College

PROGRAM(S) TO BE REVIEWED: Dental Assisting

SITE VISIT DATE: January 25th, and 26th, 2023

60-DAY DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMMENTS IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE: October 25, 2022

(Commission on Dental Accreditation, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611)