

**NOTICE of Opportunity for Third Party Comments regarding Shoreline Community College Dental Hygiene Program's Accreditation. (Evelyn Hobbs, 12-29-2021)**

A comprehensive "self-study" of the last seven years of the Shoreline Community College Dental Hygiene Program has been completed. This includes an analysis of everything from program admission policies to graduates' success on national and state board exams. It also includes an in-depth analysis of the program's curriculum, overall college support for the program and a myriad of other factors. The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is now scheduled for a site visit May 11-12, 2022 to help verify the program's findings. 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 with respect to institutions or programs scheduled for review.

All comments submitted must relate to accreditation standards for the discipline (dental hygiene) and required CODA accreditation policies. 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 names and/or 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 made 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 complaints. Any unresolved issues related to the program's compliance with the accreditation standards will be reviewed by the visiting committee while on-site.

Signed or unsigned comments will be accepted, names and/or signatures will be removed from comments prior to forwarding them to the program, and 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.

**INSTITUTION:** Shoreline Community College, 16101 Greenwood Ave. N, Shoreline, Washington, 98133-5696.

**PROGRAM TO BE REVIEWED:** Dental Hygiene Program

**SITE VISIT DATE:** May 11-12, 2022

**60 DAY DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMMENTS IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE:** March 12, 2022  
(Commission on Dental Accreditation, 211 E. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL, 60611)

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