

Public Notice of Continuing Accreditation Site Visit

Hinds Community College Dental Assisting Technology Program

The Hinds Community College Dental Assisting Technology Program will undergo a continuing accreditation site visit by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) on **November 11–12, 2026**.

In accordance with the Commission's accreditation process, the Dental Assisting Technology Program is soliciting third-party comments from communities of interest and the public. Third-party comments provide an opportunity for interested parties to communicate with the Commission regarding the program's compliance with the **Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs** or the policies and procedures used in the Commission's accreditation process.

Communities of interest may include, but are not limited to:

- Current and former students
- Faculty and staff
- Program administrators
- Alumni
- Employers
- Dental professionals and dental-related organizations
- Patients
- Members of the public and consumers

Guidelines for Third-Party Comments

Third-party comments must:

- Be received by the Commission **no later than September 12, 2026**.
- Address only the Commission's Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs or the policies and procedures used in the Commission's accreditation process.
- Not address individual faculty members, students, or personnel matters unrelated to accreditation standards.
- Be submitted directly to the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Both signed and unsigned comments will be accepted. Any names and signatures included with submitted comments will be removed by the Commission before the comments are forwarded to the Dental Assisting Technology Program for review.

Individuals wishing to submit comments or obtain additional information may use the following resources:

- **CODA Staff Directory (for submitting third-party comments):** [url](https://coda.ada.org/about-coda/coda-staff) Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Staff Directory <https://coda.ada.org/about-coda/coda-staff>

- **Commission Policy on Third-Party Comments:** [url](https://coda.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/coda/files/eopp.pdf) CODA Evaluation and Operational Policies & Procedures Manual (Third-Party Comments Policy) <https://coda.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/coda/files/eopp.pdf>
- **Telephone:** 1-800-232-6108

The Hinds Community College Dental Assisting Technology Program values continuous quality improvement and appreciates the feedback and support of its students, graduates, employers, clinical partners, and the communities it serves as part of the accreditation process.