

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION STANDARDS--COMPLAINT POLICY

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission 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.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, or by calling 1-800-621-8099 extension 2719.

APPLICANTS WITH PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION

If you have been convicted of a felony, you need to clarify your eligibility for licensure through the Department of Licensing before commencing a course of study in Dental Hygiene. Please contact the Washington State Department of Licensing, Department of Health, for further information at (360) 236-4773. (You might be required to go through a background check.)

Identification of Positive Criminal History—Washington State Criminal History Repository Department of Health—Licensing Application.

DOH conducts criminal background check on every applicant for licensure (DH program, dentistry, etc.)

- Applicants must answer the DOH Information Data Sheet with integrity and honesty. Future licensure is at great risk if false information is submitted.
- With positive criminal history, the applicant must include all reports and court documents along with detailed and complete explanations, with the application for Washington State Licensure.
- Positive criminal history cases are submitted to a DOH review panel where decisions regarding licensure (and possible stipulations) are determined.
- Each case identifying positive criminal history is managed as an individual case. License stipulations may be obligatory if patient harm is potential.
- Applicants with positive criminal history should attempt to get the violation records expunged (after a specified time, some records may be expunged).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe they may need academic adjustments, auxiliary aids or services to fully participate in course activities or meet course requirements are encouraged to register with the Access and Disability Services (ADS) Office, in the Sunrise Building, Room N115, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom. You may also call the ADS Office to make an appointment to meet with the ADS Coordinator at (253) 964-6526 or (253) 964-6527. Students requesting accommodations must obtain the "Approved Quarterly Academic Adjustments, Auxiliary Aids or Services" form provided by ADS.

The Dental Hygiene Program and the field of Dental Hygiene are physically and mentally demanding. They require good physical conditioning, as well as excellent eye-hand coordination. Dental Hygiene tasks place demands especially on your back, upper body muscles, fine motor skills, and your vision. These tasks are repetitive and are performed on a variety of clients in a variety of different settings. Please check with your physician and Dental Hygiene Program staff to have them evaluate your ability to complete the program based in the physical demands of Dental Hygiene.