

## **DENTAL HYGIENIST**

This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

## **Dental Accreditation**

The Dental Hygiene Program at CVTC is Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) which is part of the American Dental Association. It is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council of Post Secondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. A Dental Hygiene Program must be accredited for their graduates to be eligible to take the Dental Hygiene National Boards (comprehensive written exam) and CRDTS which is a state/regional practical clinical exam. CRDTS is now accepted in a majority of states except for states that have specific state only exams (i.e. Florida and California).

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE COMPLAINTS: In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's Criteria and Procedures for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, the Commission requires accredited programs to notify students of an opportunity to file complaints with the Commission.

A complaint is defined by the Commission on Dental Accreditation as one alleging that the Commission-accredited educational program, a program which has an application for initial accreditation pending, or the program may not be in compliance with the Commission Standards or required accreditation procedures.

Standards can be found on the <u>ADHA website</u>.

CODA requires all accredited programs to inform students of the mailing address and telephone number of the Commission on dental Accreditation:

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