

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)  
***Third Party Comments Policy & Information***

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dəx˘əyabus - Washington Dental Therapy Education Program (WDTEP) at Skagit Valley College and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community-Dental Clinic is applying for CODA accreditation of a fully-operational program and is scheduled for an upcoming site visit in October 2024. In preparation for the site visit, the United States Department of Education (USDE) 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. In order to comply with the Department's requirement regarding program's qualifications for accreditation or initial accreditation, the following instructions are:

- Third-party comments must be solicited through appropriate notification of communities of interest and the public such as faculty, students, program administrators, dental-related organizations, patients, and consumers.
- All comments must relate to accreditation standards for the dental therapy discipline and required accreditation policies. Discipline specific accreditation information can be obtained from CODA's website <https://www.ada.org/en/coda/accreditation/accreditation-application-process> or contacting CODA (see contact information below).
- **All comments submitted must pertain only to the standards relative to the dental therapy policies and procedures used in the accreditation process.** Comments will be screened by Commission staff for relevancy.
  - o 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.
- All comments are anonymous. Signed or unsigned comments will be accepted. Any 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.
- Third-party comments submission deadline is **August 10, 2024** to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA):

**Commission's Policy on Third-Party Comments**  
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