

Please review the following and make any comments to ADHA and/or your delegate by March 31st 2010.

The ADHA Council on Education is calling for comments regarding the Commission on Dental Accreditation's (CODA) proposed addition of an Ethics and Professionalism Standard for all disciplines.

ADHA Call for Comments

**Regarding the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
Proposed Ethics and Professionalism Standard For all disciplines
under CODA's purview**

The ADHA Council on Education regularly reviews the CODA *Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs*. [CODA recently proposed the addition of a new "Ethics and Professionalism" standard to be included in the curriculum section of the Accreditation Standards for all disciplines under CODA's purview.](#)

The ADHA Council on Education has considered the proposed standard by CODA, and has drafted an intent statement and examples of evidence to accompany the proposed Standard for the *Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs*. **The ADHA Council on Education seeks your feedback regarding the CODA proposed Standard and the Council's suggested additions, prior to ADHA's submission of information to the Commission in May.**

· **NEW PROPOSAL BY CODA:**

Ethics and Professionalism

Graduates must be competent in the application of the principles of ethical reasoning, ethical decision making and professional responsibility as they pertain to the academic environment, research, patient care, and practice management.

· **Draft intent statement and examples of evidence by ADHA COE:**

Intent: Dental hygienist should understand and practice ethical requirements which members of all health professions are expected to maintain in the provision of health care to the public. Ethical behavior and decisions are expected during all phases of the educational curriculum.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- . Documents which articulate expected behavior of students
- . Written course documentation in ethics, ethical reasoning and professionalism
- . Case studies/simulations related to ethical decision making
- . Evaluation mechanisms designed to monitor knowledge and performance (classroom and clinical settings)
- . Outcomes assessment mechanisms

Please submit your comments regarding the *Ethics and Professionalism Standard* to the ADHA Division of Education via **email** at education@adha.net; via **fax** at 312-440-6750; or by **mail**: Division of Education, ADHA, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611. Please submit your comments to ADHA no **later than** **Wednesday, March 31, 2010.**