

Commission on Dental Accreditation

On January 31, 2025 the Commission adopted the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry related to the optional second year and directed revision of all related documents, with an implementation date of July 1, 2025.

Additions are Underlined

Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry

STANDARD 2 - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- 2-11** Programs **must** be designed as either a one-year program, a one-year program with an optional second year or a mandatory two-year program.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

Written second year goals and objectives or competencies for resident training
Written curriculum plan
Schedules

- 2-12** Residents enrolled in the optional second year of training **must** have completed an accredited first year of Advanced Education in General Dentistry or General Practice Residency training at this or another institution.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

Resident records or certificate

- 2-13** The program **must** have written goals and objectives or competencies for resident didactic and clinical training in the optional second year of training that are at a higher level than those of the first year of the program. The optional second year **must** include continuing experience in advanced general dentistry and may include more focused training and experience in other areas of dentistry or in treating select populations.

Intent: The optional second year will have continuing experiences in the areas of advanced general dentistry.