

1 **Resolution Number:** 202-2021

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3 **Title:** Amendment to Current Statement of Position or Policy B-8 Dental Outreach Programs

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Membership and Education

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2020-21 Council on Professional Issues

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The board recommends a yes vote.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** The reference committee recommends a yes vote.

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15 **Background:** At the 2020 House of Delegates, Resolution 207-2020 was referred to the 2020-
16 21 Council on Professional Issues to study the practicality of awarding credits at each school,
17 cross-reference CODA standards and report back to the House of Delegates in 2021.

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19 After reviewing CODA Standards, the council determined that CODA deems participation in
20 dental outreach programming integral to the dental student experience, and the variety of
21 assessments required for graduation do not always occur in the classroom. CODA makes no
22 mention of awarding credit for procedures done on dental outreach programs. The council
23 determined the absence of this information means the practicality of awarding credit should be
24 evaluated by each school in accordance with their specific grading requirements. Currently,
25 some schools grant credit for this work while others do not.

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27 The council discussed keeping both predoctoral and pre dental students included in this policy.
28 It was concluded that pre dentals likely would not be entering dental school having already
29 completed many procedures. For any procedures they had done, the policy would still apply –
30 encourage working with administrations to determine if comparable clinical experiences *may*
31 *be applicable* towards their school's graduation requirements.

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33 Since CODA strongly supports participating in outreach programs, the council determined it was
34 appropriate for ASDA to advocate for working with administrations to conclude if credit may
35 apply. The council recommends the below amendment to the proposed resolution:

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RESOLUTION

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40 **Resolved,** that the Current Statements of Position or Policy B-8 Dental Outreach Programs be
41 amended to read as follows:

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43 **For** students, U.S. dental schools and pre dental programs ~~that who~~ participate in a dental
44 outreach program (e.g., international service trips, domestic service trips, volunteerism in
45 underserved areas, etc.) ~~it is are~~ strongly encouraged:

- 46 a. To adhere to the ASDA Code of Ethics and the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of
47 Professional Conduct;
- 48 b. To be directly supervised by dentists licensed to practice in the United States or by
49 faculty at a U.S. CODA-accredited dental school;
- 50 c. To perform only procedures for which the volunteer has received proper education and
51 training.
- 52 d. To **work with administrations to determine if** ~~award students with credit for any of the~~
53 **comparable** clinical experiences ~~provided that~~ may be applicable towards their school's
54 graduation requirements.

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56 **Action:** The Chair moves 202-2021 with a recommendation of a yes vote and to be placed on
57 the Consent Calendar.