

Date: March 9, 2020

To: Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor

From: John Stalvey, Interim Provost



Cc: Jeff Jessee, Dean of the College of Health; Vice Provost for Health Programs
Stephanie Olson, Committee Chair & Professor of Dental Assisting
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Re: **AY20 Expedited Program Review Findings – Dental Assisting UC/AAS**

I have reviewed your findings and the completed Expedited Program Review Template for the Dental Assisting UC/AAS. The Provost's Office did not receive an Optional Program Response Form from the program.

Recommendations

My recommendation is to change the recommendation to continued review and accept the other recommendations of the dean, with the additional commentary that a degree is not mandatory for employment, so the program must develop a plan to attract more students and to offer a program that the industry supports and promotes. Alternatively, non-credit, just-in-time specialty courses could be offered to enhance training of in-office dental assistants. An interim progress report on all recommendations is due to the dean by March 1, 2021. The dean will submit a review along with the program's interim progress report to the provost by April 1, 2021. A follow-up Program Review will be conducted in AY22.

Decision

Recommend Continued Review