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The School of Dentistry (SoD) was founded in 1970, nearly 50 years ago. Initially established by the Texas legislature to train dental clinicians to meet the oral health needs of the people of San Antonio and South Texas, education to this day remains at the heart and soul of our School of Dentistry. The school prides itself on providing excellent didactic and clinical training and graduating highly competent oral health professionals ready to serve the community. Our mission, like that of most dental schools, has expanded to include: (i) providing patient care through our training programs and faculty practices, (ii) contributing new knowledge and scientific discovery through impactful research as well as training the next generation of researchers and (iii) serving communities with socio-economic and health challenges throughout San Antonio and the South Texas region. The School strives for continuous improvement through its programs, services and self-study process. Continued efforts to address identified weaknesses are highlighted below.

Accreditation

The school received initial accreditation approval from CODA in 1970 and graduated its first class in 1974. The school has subsequently received continued approval from CODA every 7 years.

Statement of Standard

The dental school **must** be a component of a higher education institution that is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency.

The program is in compliance with this Standard.

A. Description for Standard 1-8:

UT Health San Antonio (UTHSA) is a component of the University of Texas System, which is comprised of 14 campuses, including six health science centers. The School of Dentistry (SoD) is one of five schools of UTHSA: School of Dentistry, Long School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Health Professions, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The organizational chart for the UTHSA appears in Appendix 1-7b. This organizational chart shows the relationships among UTHSA components.

UTHSA is accredited to award Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees by the:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

UTHSA was initially accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in 1973. The most recent SACS accreditation site-visit occurred in 2018, when UTHSA received full accreditation for a period of ten years (Appendix 1-8a).

B. Supportive Documentation for Standard 1-8:

1. Appendix 1-7j Organizational Chart of UT Health San Antonio
2. Appendix 1-8a 2018 SACS Accreditation Letter