**Section 1220.140 Minimum Standards for an Approved** **Programin Dentistry**

A dental program shall meet the following requirements:

a) The curriculum must include at least 4 academic years of instruction or its equivalent.

b) Biomedical, Behavioral, and Clinical Science instruction must be integrated and of sufficient depth, scope, timeliness, quality and emphasis to ensure achievement of the curriculum's defined competencies.

c) The stated goals of the dental education program must include the preparation of graduates who possess the knowledge and values to begin the practice of general dentistry.

d) A graduate shall be competent in:

1) Providing oral health care within the scope of general dentistry for all age groups, as well as the medically compromised patient.

2) Functioning in the community and practice environment.

e) The curriculum must include the following areas of instruction:

 Ethics

 Critical thinking

 Professional and community involvement

 Patient management

 History and examination

 Diagnosis

 Treatment planning

 Emergency care

 Prevention and maintenance

 Oral medicine

 Therapeutics/pharmacology

 Periodontal therapy

 Endodontic therapy

 Surgical therapy

 Occlusal therapy

 Orthodontic therapy

 Restorative/prosthodontic therapy

 Office management

 Personnel management

f) Graduates must be competent in providing appropriate life support measures for medical emergencies that may be encountered in dental practice.

g) In determining whether a program should be approved, the Division shall take into consideration but not be bound by accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

h) The Division, upon the recommendation of the Board, has determined that all of the dental programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association as of July 2006 meet the minimum curriculum criteria set forth in this Section and are, therefore, approved.

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