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RE: Credit change for DA 211 – Dental Radiography 2

Dear Curriculum Committee Members,

Enclosed is the paperwork for the change in credits and associated lecture time for Dental Radiography 2. I apologize for not meeting the January 22nd deadline, but because of a misunderstanding, I was unaware that this needed committee approval.

Unfortunately, The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) has increased the required contact hours for dental assisting programs, effective January 1, 2014. The minimum is now 900 hours, and our program is 853. With the already planned changes in offered courses, this was the only expansion in hours that was needed to meet accreditation, and it is a much needed change for instructional reasons in any case.

With the Dental Assisting accreditation site visit scheduled for next spring, I could not delay this process until the 2015-2016 academic year, so I am asking you to forgive the delay and give consideration to this critical credit change for our course at this time.

Sincerely,

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