

THE ADEA VALUE PROPOSITION ALLIED DENTAL COMMUNITY

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) represents more than 330 educational institutions and over 2,000 individuals in the allied dental professions across the U.S. and Canada as a core part of its work to prepare future-ready oral health professionals. ADEA serves as the voice of the entirety of dental education: dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting, dental laboratory technology and dental therapy.

With headquarters in Washington, DC, ADEA's staff of 70 works to meet the unique needs of the allied dental education community in many ways, including:

- ▶ **Professional development programming** for program directors and allied dental faculty, offering meetings, workshops on CODA accreditation, and eLearning opportunities, including free monthly webinars.
- ▶ **Networking opportunities among peers**, including an annual Allied Program Directors' Conference which connects program directors at all levels of experience to share challenges and solutions relevant to the position.
- ▶ **Leadership development, mentoring and scholarship opportunities** through programs such as the ADEA Leadership Essentials for Allied Dental Educators, ADEA Leadership Institute, ADEA Allied Dental Faculty Leadership Development Program and ADEA Emerging Leaders.
- ▶ **Online access to educational and scholarly publications**, including peer-reviewed articles in the *Journal of Dental Education* and teaching resources in MedEdPORTAL® and ADEA WeTeach®.
- ▶ **Guidance, training and tools to foster inclusive excellence** in dental education. ADEA strives to ensure that access to education, cultural competence and the promotion of health equity are all integral parts of dental education through its work in access, diversity and inclusion.
- ▶ **Allied dental student engagement opportunities**, including participation in ADEA Chapters for Students, Residents and Fellows; the ADEA Student Diversity Leadership Program; and poster presentations at the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition.



The ADEA Allied Dental Program Directors' Conference is the only conference in the United States developed exclusively for allied dental program directors, by allied dental program directors.



ADEA eLearn opportunities allow allied dental program directors to develop their leadership skills and gain those all-important CE credits on their own time, in their own space.

- ▶ **Real-time state policy monitoring** with an interactive state map for members to search legislative and regulatory actions affecting their programs and to the profession.
- ▶ **Federal advocacy efforts** addressing legislation and regulations that impact allied dental education, such as Title VII health professions and student loan programs; funding for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; and Department of Education-related funding for issues of interest, including the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.
- ▶ **Governance leadership in ADEA** through participation in the ADEA Council of Allied Dental Program Directors; ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows; ADEA Section on Dental Hygiene Education; ADEA Section on Dental Assisting Education; 12 Special Interest Groups, and a seat on the ADEA Board of Directors for an allied dental representative.
- ▶ **Centralized application services:** ADEA DHCAS® (ADEA Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service) that processes applications and verifies grades and credentials—alleviating the need for allied program staff to manage these tasks and allowing members to access their respective data and reports online at any time.
- ▶ **Critical policy information and initiatives** to support academic dental institutions in planning and decision-making, including policy briefs, white papers, association reports and focused programming; and leadership in collaborative efforts to address major national issues, including licensure, the opioid epidemic and clinician well-being.
- ▶ **Educational research and analysis**, including a survey of Allied Program Directors with student and faculty-related data, and applicant data from the ADEA Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service.
- ▶ **Representation by the ADEA President and CEO** on national higher education and health professions leadership bodies, including the Washington Higher Education Secretariat, Interprofessional Education Collaborative and Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions.



ADEA SURVEY OF ALLIED DENTAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

ADEA administers the only national survey specifically for allied program directors to assist them in matters related to salaries, faculty vacancies, types of faculty appointments and student recruitment.