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Subject: Accreditation Status Update – Dental Hygiene Program

Dear Dental Hygiene Students,

We are writing to provide an important update regarding the accreditation status of the Southern University at Shreveport Dental Hygiene Program.

As of July 2023, the program was granted “Accreditation with Reporting Requirements” by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). This designation confirms that the program continues to meet CODA’s rigorous standards for dental hygiene education, while also identifying specific areas requiring further attention.

Following CODA’s most recent site visit in January 2023, the Commission issued the following directive:

Standard 3-3: The program administrator must be a dental hygienist or a dentist who is a graduate of a CODA-accredited program and holds a master’s or higher degree. The administrator must also have a background in education and the professional experience necessary to support the program’s goals.

To comply with this standard, the program director must obtain a master’s degree by February 2026. If this requirement is not met within the specified timeframe, the program’s accreditation may be withdrawn.

Please be assured that we are fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of academic and clinical excellence. We are actively addressing CODA’s recommendation and remain focused on delivering a quality education that prepares our students for licensure and professional success.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the accreditation status of our ongoing efforts, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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