

Dental Hygiene Articulation Committee

Minutes

British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfers (BCCAT)

Institution/Location:

555 Seymour St, Vancouver BC V6B 3H6 (Room 711)

Meeting Date: Thurs/Fri, April 24/25 2025

Times: 9:00 – 4:00 (Thurs Meet and Greet at 8:30)

Welcome from Salima Alibhai – Dental Hygiene Articulation Committee Chair, 2025

“We acknowledge the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples on whose lands we are meeting today.”

Members: Salima Alibhai (UBC), Linda McKay (VIU); Tika Brown (Camosun) sends regrets, Jade Macdonald (VCC), Melody Weimer (Camosun), Diane Horita (CNC) and Mandy Hayre (SLP) joining via zoom for April 24 AM.

Invited Guests: Carole-Anne Mrsic and Himanshu Laul (VCDH), Leta Zaleski (Camosun) sends regrets, Shannon Wilson (BCDHA), Dr. Chris Hacker (BCCOHP) has declined, Jennifer Kook (BCCAT), and Kieran Jordan and Kim Kidd (FDHRC)

Regrets: Dr. Chris Hacker, Tika Brown, Leta Zaleski

- **Call to Order**
- **Introductions/Welcome**
 - Guests: Kieran Jordan and Kim Kidd, FDHRC (1:00); Shannon Wilson (1:30); Himanshu Laul & Carole-Anne Mrsic, VCDH (2:30); BCCAT Jennifer Kook (3:00);
- **Approval of Agenda (identification of priority items for morning discussion) – 5 min**
 - Approved as amended
- **Approval of Previous Minutes of the DH Articulation Committee meeting (2024) – 2 min**
 - Detailed minutes are approved
 - Public minutes are approved
 - Review of action items from the previous minutes.
 - It was previously decided that we should carry over long-term agenda items on our agenda, so they do not get lost.
 - i. Long term agenda item noted below will be discussed today as we need to renew the BCDHA MOU by July 2025.

	Date item was added	Bring forward agenda item	Date when it should be brought to the agenda
1.	April 2023	Renewal of BCDHA MOA in 2028	April 2028
2.	April 2024	Engagement with BCCOHP and BCDHA Advocacy	April 2025

- **Old Business:** Set dates for meetings next year
 - Date set for April 30 and May 1, 2026
- **New Business:**
 - Updates to the DH Articulation Membership List – Please see membership list circulated by Chair.
 - i. No concerns noted
 - Confirmation of Chairs and Recorders for 2026 - Please see rotation chart circulated by Chair.
 - i. Discuss date of turnover to the new Chair (typically January)
 - 1. Reviewed and confirmed
 - ii. Confirmed Chair (CNC), recorder (UBC) for next year (2026)
 - Discussion of the purpose of articulation (intended purpose)
 - Updates and review of the programs' Comparisons Chart
 - i. No further updates needed.
 - Program admission criteria
 - i. Discussed each programs criteria as noted on Comparisons Chart
 - How often are biofilm scores done on each patient?
 - i. Discussed each programs approach for biofilm scores.
 - How are programs incorporating simulation?
 - 1. Roundtable discussion on incorporation of simulation and what each program is doing or planning on implementing.
 - 2. This is an emerging topic for DH.
 - Rule of 2's - do programs still follow this?
 - i. Discussed program policies.
 - For programs that have long-term care clinical rotations, how is this incorporated into your programs and how do you grade this rotation?
 - i. Discussion on grading and placement of LTC rotations within each program.
 - ii. Each program has varying degrees of LTC clinical rotations.
 - Do programs have a dentist interpret all the DH-prescribed radiographs?
 - i. Discussed program policies related to image interpretation.
 - How are student radiographs evaluated? Does every error get noted or just whether or not the image is diagnostic?
 - i. All programs note all errors and retakes as required.
 - Is all clinical grading done on the clinic floor?
 - i. Roundtable discussion on clinical grading related to who, when, what is done outside and on the clinic floor.
 - Programs and graduate survey – addressed via email
 - i. No further questions
 - Perform orthodontic procedures in accordance with provincial and territorial regulations.
 - i. Discussed interpretation guideline related to orthodontic procedures.
 - Partner practice and student revocation of consent – addressed via email
 - i. No further questions.

- Impression taking and digital scanning – how many sessions, maximum numbers of impressions per session, and partner practice
 - i. Discussed the above items re impressions and digital scanning. Many schools use simulation activities in addition to partner practice. Digital scanning has not been incorporated into the curriculum for every program.
- Attendance in clinic/class/rotations – how is this monitored in your programs?
 - i. Many programs have a percentage-based attendance policy. Those who don't have a minimum patient requirement for clinic.
- Nitrous Oxide – theory and practice
 - i. Discussed how NO2 is incorporated into each program.
- Professionalism – how are programs grading this? Is this graded, or is it a P/F? What constitutes professionalism, how is it supported, what are the guidelines?
 - i. Roundtable discussion on each program's approach to grading professionalism and rubrics that support this grading.
- How is generative AI utilized in programs? How is it accounted for in grading?
 - i. Discussed use of AI within the programs and it's challenges/ opportunities.
- Obtaining oral health products for community outreach and placement
 - i. Discussed OH product purchase/donations.
- Student accommodation for clinic. What accessibility is provided?
 - i. Discussion on accommodations for clinic and considerations for what is possible.
- Is it okay to sharpen a hygiene scaler in the middle of an appointment if it's dull (with a sterile stone), wipe the metal shards away with a piece of gauze, and then continue working on the patient supra and sub-g with that instrument?
 - i. IPAC discussed in regard to the above question.
- Student awards
 - i. Discussed awards that are available for each program.
- Use of simulation
 - i. Discussed above
- Are other programs polishing amalgams?
 - i. Discussed what each program does.
- How many hours are spent going over care plans?
 - i. Discussed with above discussion re chart work on clinic floor.
- Are programs teaching/using fluoride trays?
 - i. Discussed how each program has incorporated into curriculum.
- Air power polishing – what are other programs doing, using, and experiencing difficulties with clogging?
 - i. Each program has airflow and has different experiences with different brands/ powders. Can be difficult to maintain these units for various reasons.
- How are practice sessions held outside of the clinic?
 - i. Discussed approach to practice and remedial sessions.
- What do other schools use for dental software?
 - i. UBC has AxiUm
 - ii. VCC has PowerPractice
 - iii. VIU uses Dentrrix
 - iv. CNC uses Cleardent
 - v. Camosun uses PowerPractice
- Engagement with BCCOHP and BCDHA Advocacy
 - i. Will discuss with BCDHA

- **Presentation of Institutional Reports (20 mins - All)**

- College of New Caledonia
- University of British Columbia
- Vancouver Community College
- Camosun College
- Vancouver Island University

Discussed reports as circulated. Further discussed each program's admissions policies.

- **Guest Reports/Updates**

- Kieran Jordan and Kim Kidd, FDHRC (1:00)
 - i. New NDHCE blueprint introduction – presentation slides will be shared with the group.
 - ii. New competencies will be assessed in the May 2026 exam sitting.
 - iii. Reference list will be updated (will share with program directors for feedback) this year and implemented in 2026.
- Shannon Wilson, BCDHA (1:30)
 - i. Membership continues to increase
 - ii. New to the website: student resources section, educators' section for form access (password protected)
 - iii. Educators can reach out and there are many presentations that can be done by BCDHA that address specific DH LOs.
 - iv. Each program get funding for several awards. Program funds get distributed in Sept and awards early in 2026.
 - v. Reminder to let students know about the BCDHA grant (must be student led and relates to community activity). Reminder to let students know about virtual study club.
 - vi. Regulatory changes: QAP assessment tool no longer pass/fail. Results now drive continuous learning. More changes to come in future.
 - vii. Advocacy: Concern re international student changes and how it will affect DH programs. MOU needs to be updated this year. We have it noted as a future action to renew in 2028, but this MOU actually needs to be renewed for July 2025. Committee discussed MOU and noted changes to be brought forward.
 - viii. Upcoming initiatives: would like to see more IPE between DH and nursing.
 - ix. BCDHA is without an executive director currently.
- Himanshu Laul & Carole-Anne Masic, VCDH (2:30)
 - i. Updates to leadership roles.
 - ii. Accreditation successfully completed this year.
 - iii. Cohort intakes of 54 students (4 semesters/cohorts running simultaneously) so potential total of 216 students.
- Jennifer Kook, BCCAT (3:00)
 - i. Articulation Committees
 - 1. Strongly encourage hybrid options for all meetings
 - 2. JAM – Nov 6-7, 2025. Hybrid event. Conference will be held at the Paradox Hotel in Vancouver.
 - 3. View previous JAM sessions online on our [YouTube channel](#).
 - ii. Discussed various research reports.
 - iii. Technology updates discussed.
 - iv. Presentation infographic will be shared with the articulation committee via email.

- **Next meeting:**

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1.	April 2025	Review amended BCDHA MOU and report from 2025 articulation	April 2026
2.			

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