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**Title**

Navigating Academics and National Forums

**Abstract**

An academic dental institution operates within parameters defined by the University, local and regional entities, state laws, and federal regulations. As a state-supported, land grant university, there is an imperative need to understand alignment with the parent University in order to manage resources including both financial and human talent to meet all perspectives and expectations. Simultaneously, there are national organizations that represent perspectives within the profession that may influence or attempt to influence. This brief overview will present one perspective based on current and past experiences from six academic entities and several national organizations; the content represents the speaker's perspective and not representative of any one university.

**Learning Objectives**

- Understand intent of influence vs. confluence
- Understand the guiding principles that govern an academic environment.
- Understand the needs for alignment with the parent University and State for a land grant institution.

**Biography**

Dr. Garcia is Dean and Professor at Texas A&M University School of Dentistry. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and received her D.D.S. from Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. She completed the Certificate and Master of Science program in Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA). She served as faculty and in various leadership roles, department chair, division head, associate dean throughout her career including at the UTHSCSA, the International Dental Academy in Tokyo, Japan, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, the University of Iowa, and most recently served as dean at University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Garcia is a Board-Certified Prosthodontist, Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and Fellow of the International College of Dentists. She is Past Chair of the Board for the American Dental Education Association, Past President of the American College of Prosthodontists, and Past Chair of the Board for the ACP Education Foundation. She is a Fellow of the Big 10 Academic Alliance Leadership Program, Fellow of the *Hedwig van Ameringen* Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program, Fellow of the UTHSCSA LEAD program, and Fellow of The University of Texas System Leadership Institute.