



## Bachelor of Dental Technology (Domestic students)

Program code	Entry requirements	Prerequisites
1574	11	English (4SA)
<b>Available at</b> Gold Coast Campus	Overall position (OP) 2019 76	<b>Assumed knowledge</b> One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths B (4SA)
<b>Duration</b> 3 years full-time	Rank 2019 <a href="#">(more)</a> OR VET qualification Diploma	<b>OP 1-6 Guarantee</b> If you receive an OP 1-6 or equivalent and meet subject prerequisites, you are guaranteed a place in this program.
<b>Credit points</b> 240	<a href="#">(Additional requirements)</a>	
<b>Indicative fee</b> \$10,958.00* per year <a href="#">(more)</a> * 2019 indicative annual CSP fee <a href="#">Calculate</a> your fees	<b>Commencing in</b> Trimester 1	

### Why choose this program?

This degree is ideal for students who like to work behind the scenes creating and manufacturing dentures, crowns, bridges and orthodontic appliances but not fitting the final denture or appliance to the patient. It suits students who like working with their hands, can pay attention to detail and prefer not to work directly with the patient.

Dental Technologists (or Dental Technicians as they are often referred to) are highly skilled members of the dental team. They combine art and science skills to construct custom-made dental devices to replace, restore and correct defects that may affect our facial appearance and the ability to use our teeth properly.

As an undergraduate student, you will learn and work alongside Dentistry students in our state of the art dental clinics and laboratories located in the same building. Our students enjoy working with industry-standard equipment including CAD-CAM (Computer Aided Design/Manufacturing) facilities.

You will also expand your hands-on experience working with registered and experienced Dental Technicians in our commercial laboratory and through professional practice placements.

**Honours** is available through an additional year of study.

### My attendance during the program

#### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Dental Technology is offered full-time on-campus at the Gold Coast campus Griffith Health Centre.

As a full-time student, you will generally attend 28-32 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week and on Saturdays.

In the Bachelor of Dental Technology you must maintain a full-time study load. Part time study is only permitted in circumstances where credit for prior study is awarded and a full time structure is not available as a consequence, or where a student fails a course and is required to repeat that year of the program.

To allow further contextual learning opportunities, the academic calendar for the programs offered by the School of Dentistry and Oral Health will be extended beyond the standard teaching trimester (i.e. commencing earlier and extending later than the standard teaching trimester).

#### Managing interruptions

The following provides specific information on interrupting and resuming your studies in this program:

#### Leave of absence

Students will require approval from the Head, School of Dentistry and Oral Health or nominee to take a leave of absence. The period of leave will normally be one year.

### **Readmission**

A student who has discontinued enrolment in a Dentistry and Oral Health program and who is not on an approved leave of absence is required to seek approval for readmission to the program from the Head of School, School of Dentistry and Oral Health or nominee. Readmission to a Dentistry and Oral Health program is not guaranteed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students must complete and submit a [Request for Readmission form](#).

### **Student Income Support**

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

### **Work-integrated learning**

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) is undertaken in the Griffith Health prosthetic laboratory in the Laboratory Practicum 1-4 courses and culminates in the course [3029DOH Professional Practice](#) (Year 3/Trimester 2).

Students are also required to satisfactorily complete 2 weeks (80 hours) of work experience in laboratories external to the University and independent of the school-based laboratory practice completed on site at Griffith University, Gold Coast campus. Work experience placements must be approved by the School of Dentistry and Oral Health and may commence from Year 1/Trimester 2 and must be completed by Year 3/Trimester 2.

### **Overseas exchange program**

Griffith students enrolled in the Bachelor of Dental Technology program have the opportunity for a student exchange to Oslo, Norway in Trimester 1 of their final year of study.

Eligible students can apply to study at Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences (OUAC) in Spring Term (January-June) and students should contact the [School of Dentistry and Oral Health](#) for further details.

## **My career opportunities**

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As a Dental Technologist (or Dental Technician as they are often referred to) you will find employment with Dental Technicians, Dentists, Dental Prosthetists, Prosthodontists, Orthodontists, Periodontists, and Oral Surgeons in the public or private health sectors. Working to referring dental practitioners and specialists prescriptions. You will be able to design and construct appliances according to international standards that meet individual patients needs. You will work with a wide range of materials and techniques such as: gold, porcelain, plastic and lost wax technique and CAD-CAM (Computer Aided Design/Manufacturing). You may see patients to record the colour, shape and characteristics of existing teeth.

With this qualification, you can apply your scientific knowledge, artistic skills and compassionate nature across three distinct specialist areas - Prosthodontic, Conservative and Orthodontic - or you may eventually choose self-employment.

Graduates will be well equipped to sit for a 'skills exam' requested by employers.

### **Prosthodontic Technician (Removable Prosthodontics)**

Prosthodontic technicians design and make full and partial dentures in plastics or alloy. Graduates will be well equipped for the variety of procedures and techniques to replace missing teeth and will work alongside dentists, dental prosthetists and prosthodontists.

### **Self-Employment**

Graduates will gain an understanding of the operational issues involved in establishing a new business. Graduates may own and operate a dental laboratory.

Graduates can progress onto employment in management roles such as senior or chief technician positions; quality control technicians; teaching or dental sales.

### **Research opportunities**

Graduates can apply to progress their research skills through an Honours, Masters or PhD qualification which may lead to various roles in academia, large-scale organisations (Corporations/Companies, Government Departments, Non-Profit/Charity Organisation).

### International opportunities

Graduates will be equipped to apply for dental technicians registration in other countries. They will have gained the necessary knowledge and skills to adapt to the examination process required for registration.

## Professional recognition

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The Dental Board of Australia recognises the Bachelor of Dental Technology as a prerequisite to Dental Prosthetists education and a requirement of national registration as a clinician. Please refer to the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) website for further details.

## Placement requirements

### Before I enrol

- First Aid and CPR Certificates
- Immunisation and Health Record

### Professional placements

- Griffith University Health and Safety Induction
- Griffith University Student Deed Poll
- Laboratory, Clinical and Placement Rules
- Queensland Health placement requirements

There are placements associated with this program. Students should refer to the **checklist of pre-placement and placement requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Fit for Placement website](#) for full details of the requirements regarding clinical placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

*Note: In the event that there is a difference between the contents published on the Fit for Placement website and the program-specific information published on the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses websites, or where information published on the Fit for Placement website is not in accordance with University Policy, the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses website contents and University Policy shall override the information on the Fit for Placement website.*

## Pathways to further study

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The Bachelor of Dental Technology provides a pathway to the Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Prosthetics (dual degree) or graduates may proceed to Honours.

## What are the fees?

### Commonwealth supported students

- The fee is indicative of an annual full-time load (80 credit points) in a program categorized to one of the Australian Government's three broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets **student contribution amounts** on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

### Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

### Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

### Additional fee information

There are additional costs associated with the purchase of instruments for the completion of this program that are not covered by the program fees. For more information, please see the **Instrument list** on the [School of Dentistry and Oral Health](#)

[Resources webpage.](#)