



## Bachelor of Dental Technology (International students)

<b>Program code</b>	<b>Entry requirements</b>	<b>Prerequisites</b>
1574	6.5	English
<b>Available at</b>	IELTS (Academic) ( <a href="#">more</a> )	<b>Assumed knowledge</b>
Gold Coast Campus	<b>CRICOS code</b>	One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or
<b>Duration</b>	094387J	Maths B
3 years full-time	<b>Offered in</b>	<a href="#">Apply Now</a>
<b>Credit points</b>	Trimester 1	
240		
<b>Indicative fee</b>		
\$34,500.00* per year ( <a href="#">more</a> )		
* 2020 indicative annual fee		

### 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](#).

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

## **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?

### International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

### Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

### Tuition fees

- An International 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 for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

### Program fees for the Bachelor of Dental Technology (1574)

Year of study	Fee category/Band	Fee per CP	Tuition fee 80cp
2020	FEE BAND 34.5	\$431.25	\$34,500.00
2019	Fee Band 33.0	\$412.50	\$33,000.00

### Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

### Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled),

the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place subject to availability.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

#### Further information

- [Fees and Charges Policy](#):
  - Schedule B - Fees for International Students
  - Schedule G - Fees for Non-award and Continuing Education Students
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)

#### 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.