



## Bachelor of Dental Technology (Domestic students)

<b>Program code</b>	<b>Entry requirements</b>	<b>Prerequisites</b>
1574	90.00	NIL
<b>Available at</b>	ATAR/RANK 2024	<b>Assumed knowledge</b>
Gold Coast Campus	(more)	English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English and Literature Extension (Units 3 and 4, C)
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Commencing in</b>	One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C)
3 years full-time	Trimester 1	
<b>Credit points</b>		
240		
<b>Indicative fee</b>		
\$12,500.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		

### About 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.

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
1574	Bachelor of Dental Technology (this program)	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 only
1580	Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 only
1638	Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 only

Progression is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

### My attendance during the program

#### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Dental Technology is offered full-time on-campus at the Gold Coast campus Ian O'Connor (G40) Building.

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 Medicine and Dentistry will be extended beyond the standard teaching trimester (i.e. commencing earlier and extending later than the standard teaching trimester).

The School of Medicine and Dentistry delivers electronic assessment via ExamSoft's Exemplify application. Students enrolled in this program are required to have access to a portable computer device (laptop or tablet) that can be taken on campus to complete examination and assessment activities. This device must meet the minimum system requirements for [Exemplify](#).

The School has a small number of loan devices that may be available to students who do not have access to a personal device. Students must apply for access to loan devices in the lead up to an examination or assessment. Please note the School cannot guarantee a loan device will be available for every applicant.

### **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 Dean, Dentistry 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 program and who is not on an approved leave of absence is required to seek approval for readmission to the program from the Dean, Dentistry or nominee. Readmission to a Dentistry 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 (76 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 Medicine and Dentistry 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 Medicine and Dentistry](#) 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)**

Prosthetic 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 prosthetic technicians.

### **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**

### **Professional Practice requirements**

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Health Placement Support Hub](#) for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

## **Pathways to further study**

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The Bachelor of Dental Technology provides a pathway to the [Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics \(1580\)](#) or graduates may proceed to Honours.

From 2021, graduates of the Bachelor of Dental Technology may be eligible to apply for the Graduate Entry [Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics \(1638\)](#) program.

## **What are the fees?**

### **Commonwealth supported students**

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's 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...](#)

#### **FEE-HELP**

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

#### **Further information**

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
  - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
  - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

#### **Additional fee information**

Throughout your program you may be required to pay for the following items:

First aid certificate; immunisations; uniforms; a portable computer device (laptop or tablet) and expenses associated with placements such as travel and accommodation; dental kits and tools as stipulated for each year. As well, there are Fit for Professional Practice Placement costs such as Blue Card and Police Check. For more information, please visit the [School of Medicine and Dentistry](#) and the [Health Placement Support Hub](#) webpages.