



## Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics (Domestic students)

<b>Program code</b> 1580	<b>Entry requirements</b> 90.00	<b>Prerequisites</b> NIL
<b>Available at</b> Gold Coast Campus	ATAR/RANK 2024 ( <a href="#">more</a> )	<b>Assumed knowledge</b> English, English as an Additional Language, Literature or English and Literature Extension (Units 3 and 4, C)
<b>Duration</b> 4 years full-time	<b>Commencing in</b> Trimester 1	One of Biology, Chemistry or Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C)
<b>Credit points</b> 320		
<b>Indicative fee</b> \$12,500.00* per year ( <a href="#">more</a> ) * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		

### About this program

This double degree is ideal for those students who are interested in developing hands-on practical skills in designing and making dentures, crowns and bridges, combined with diagnosing, designing and fitting removable dentures directly to patients. For secondary school leavers, it will provide opportunities for specialisation and more opportunities for employment upon graduation.

Students graduate with two qualifications to be able to work as both a Dental Technologist/Technician and Dental Prosthetist.

**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 such as dentures, crowns, bridges and orthodontic appliances to replace, restore and correct defects that may affect our facial appearance and the ability to use our teeth properly. They generally work behind the scenes in laboratories and not directly on patients.

**Dental Prosthetists** work independently in a clinical setting to diagnose and treat patients requiring removable partial or full dentures.

The first three years will be spent developing highly specialised hand skills, finishing with a professional practice course where students work alongside dentistry students on "real-life real-time" patient cases. The final fourth year builds on the previous years with a focus on developing clinical knowledge and skills to diagnose, fabricate, make and fit dentures directly to patients.

A number of key benefits set Griffith's Dental Prosthetist education apart from that at other teaching institutions. Students develop advanced critical analytical skills to solve difficult technical and clinical situations. They learn in an inter-professional environment from experienced Dental Prosthetists and specialists in fields such as:

- Oral Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Radiology
- Prosthodontics

Dental Prosthetic students practice alongside Dentistry students to develop communication and collaboration skills in individual cases. This may include, for example, inserting and monitoring immediate dentures or witnessing a variety of complex dental procedures. This process is managed through the Team-Based Treatment Planning Process which develops patient referral skills.

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
1574	<a href="#">Bachelor of Dental Technology</a>	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 only
<b>1580</b>	<b>Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics (this program)</b>	<b>Gold Coast</b>	<b>Trimester 1 only</b>
1638	<a href="#">Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics</a>	Gold Coast	Trimester 1 only

Progression is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

## My attendance during the program

### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics is offered full-time on-campus. DOH-coded courses in this program are exclusively for Dentistry students and are offered at the Ian O'Connor (G40) Building at the Gold Coast campus.

As a full-time student, students 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/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics students must maintain a full-time study load. Part-time study is only permitted in circumstances where credit for prior learning 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.

Due to the need for students to develop complex clinical and technical skills throughout this program, extensive hands-on exposure to clinical/laboratory environments is required. As a result, some courses commencing from Year 1/Trimester 2 of this program will extend beyond the standard teaching trimester (i.e. commencing earlier and extending later than the standard trimester). Exact dates over which these extended courses will run will be published on a trimester-by-trimester basis in the Academic Calendar.

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 Study Interruptions

#### Leave of Absence

Taking a leave of absence from this program is permitted, subject to conditions outlined in the Enrolment Procedure and receiving approval from the Program Director or their nominee.

#### 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. Please contact the [School of Medicine and Dentistry](#) for further details.

#### 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

The School of Medicine and Dentistry offers extensive work-integrated learning experiences. The Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics students are exposed to a "real life" dental laboratory from Year 1 to 4 where they work directly within a commercial laboratory facility. Work-integrated learning is undertaken in the Griffith Health prosthetic

laboratory in the Laboratory Practicum 1-4 courses and culminates in the course [3029DOH Professional Practice](#).

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.

Dental prosthetic students are also encouraged to observe professional dentists/prosthetists, dentistry students and academics when they are seeing their private patients in our intramural private practice clinic. In the final year, the 'Comprehensive Prosthetics' course provides a work-integrated learning opportunity where students manage, treat and monitor patients for removable oral prosthetic care in a safe supervised practice.

### **Overseas exchange program**

Griffith students enrolled in the Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics 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 Metropolitan University (OsloMet, formerly HiQA) in the Spring Term (January-June) and students should contact the [School of Medicine and Dentistry](#) for further details.

## **My career opportunities**

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With this qualification graduates may find employment opportunities in the public and private health sectors through government health department clinics and private practice as a Dental Technician/Dental Prosthetist or Clinical Dental Technician.

**Dental Technologists** (or Dental Technicians as they are often referred to) may 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 specialist's prescriptions. Graduates will be able to design and construct oral devices according to international standards that meet individual patient's needs. Dental Technicians 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). They may see patients to record the colour, shape and characteristics of existing teeth.

With this qualification, graduates can apply technical skills, 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 and Clinician (Removable Prosthodontics)**

Dental Prosthetists work directly with patients to provide removable partial dentures and will also design and fabricate full and partial dentures in plastic or alloy. Graduates will be well equipped for the variety of procedures and techniques to replace missing teeth and will work alongside dentists and prosthodontists.

A student graduating as a dental technologist and dental prosthetist can potentially have two income streams. One providing dental technology services to dentists or specialists and working directly with a patient as a dental prosthetist providing patient care (including referral) and treatment to replace missing teeth.

### **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 or clinic. Graduates can progress onto employment in management roles such as senior or chief technician or prosthetists; quality control technicians/prosthetist; 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 or in large-scale organisations (corporations/companies, government departments, non-profit/charity organisation).

### **International opportunities**

Graduates will be equipped to apply for dental technologist/technician registration and dental prosthetist (clinical dental technician) in other countries. They will have gained the necessary knowledge and skills to adapt to the examination process required for registration.

## **Program accreditation**

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The Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics is accredited by the [Australian Dental Council \(ADC\)](#).

## **Professional recognition**

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Graduates of Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics will be eligible to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA)

via the [Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the Dental Board of Australia. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact AHPRA to confirm registration requirements.

## 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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Graduates from the Bachelor of Dental Technology/Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics may be eligible to proceed to Honours.

## 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.