

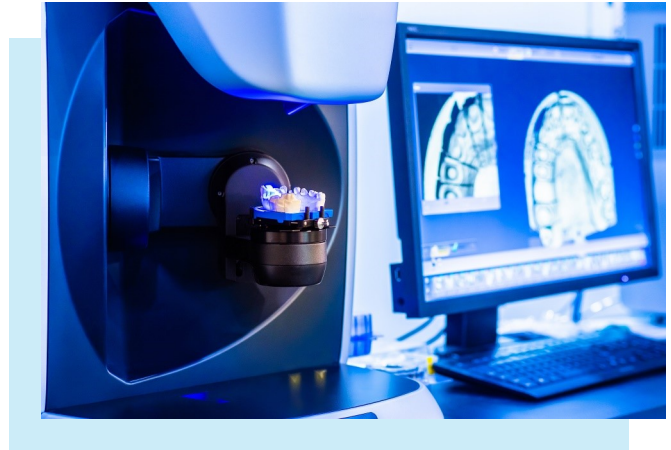
Become a Dental Lab Technician

What do dental lab technicians do?

Dental lab technicians work in a dental lab, using detailed written instructions and molds or scans of the patient's teeth and/or soft tissues to create dental devices.

Responsibilities may include:

- Creating crowns, veneers, bridges, implants, dentures, mouth guards, and more.
- Crafting dental devices with hand instruments and technology.
- Utilizing materials such as metals, ceramics, waxes, plastics, and more to create dental devices.



What is dental lab technology?

- The **art** of improving the function and beauty of a patient's mouth.
- The **science** of understanding tooth anatomy and oral functions.
- The **technology** of using computer-aided equipment to design dental devices.

Why become a dental lab technician?

- Interest in health, science, and technology
- Ability to work independently and creatively
- Strong attention to detail and hand and eye coordination skills
- Passion for improving a patient's quality of life

How do you become a dental lab technician?

- Individuals can learn through on-the-job training or by completing a Technical diploma program.
- Dental technicians may become a Certified Dental Technician by passing a series of exams offered by the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology.



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