

# DENTAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM Career Investigation Report

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#### **Guidelines**

It is essential that anyone applying to the Dental Technology Program have a clear understanding of the educational program as well as the responsibilities of Dental Technologist professionals. This questionnaire allows you to detail how you came to the decision that you are serious about becoming a member of this profession. Include as much relevant information as possible using ONLY this form and complete all sections.



#### Section 1:

In order to prepare your career investigation report, the following activities are suggested.

- 1. Program Information Sessions at NAIT: Check the website at <u>www.nait.ca/infosessions</u> for information on when they are offered.
- 2. Tour of Dental Facilities:

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Spend at least one half day in a dental laboratory that employs less than 10 dental employees and/or one half day in a dental laboratory that employs more than 10 dental employees.

3. Others:

Attend a local career fair. Meet with a career/guidance counselor. Visit related facilities and specialized practices, or community based health centers.

**4.** For further information, contact the program administrative support at (780) 471-8930 or e-mail <u>dental@nait.ca</u>.



# Section 2:

Please answer all questions in this section.

 Briefly outline the responsibilities of a dental technologist highlighting the four major disciplines in which a dental technologist may be asked to work. (1600 Character limit)

2) What attributes do successful and competent dental technologists need to have? (1600 Character limit)

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Please answer all questions in this section.

3) What personal qualities do you have that would make you suited for a career as a dental technologist? (1600 Character limit)

4) Dental technologists work under time constraints and must have the ability to schedule their activities. What strategies do you currently employ to manage your time? (1600 Character limit)

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Please answer all questions in this section.

- 5) What may be perceived as potential drawbacks/disadvantages to the profession of dental technology? (1600 Character limit)
- 6) List various career opportunities for a dental technologist. Also, explain some of the different types of dental laboratories. (1600 Character limit)



Please answer all questions in this section.

7) It is required that you visit a dental laboratory as part of your career investigation within the past 12 months.

Did you visit a large dental lab that employed more than 10 employees?

Yes	No

If yes, please give details: (e.g., location, date, activities, time spent)

Location:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Spent:

Activities: (what did you observe, describe procedures)\_\_\_\_\_\_(1100 Character limit)

Name of Office Personnel:

Contact Phone Number:



Please answer all questions in this section.

Did you visit a small dental lab that employed less than 10 employees?

#### If yes, please give details: (e.g., location, date, activities, time spent)

Location:	
Date:	

Time Spent:\_\_\_\_\_

Activities: (what did you observe, describe procedures) (1100 Character limit)

Name of Office Personnel:	

Contact Phone Number:

Did you visit NAIT as part of your career investigation within the past 12 months?

🗆 Yes 🗆 No

What did you find most beneficial about your lab visit? (1100 Character limit)



Please answer all questions in this section.

8) Did you visit NAIT as part of your career investigation within the past 12 months?

Yes

If yes, which activities were you involved in? It is recommended that you participate in a minimum of one of the following activities:

No

a. Program Information Session	Date:
b. Counseling from NAIT Student Recruitment	Date:
c. Attend NAIT "Open House"	Date:
d. Visit NAIT Website	

 e. Other (please give details) (800 Character limit)



Please answer all questions in this section.

9) Have you obtained additional information from other sources regarding the NAIT Dental Technology program or the dental technologist profession? If so, please provide the name, professional affiliation, and dates of the contact. (900 Character limit)

10) Do you have any previous work experience, hobbies or skills that may be relevant to this profession? For example, have you worked in health care or in any jobs that require manual dexterity?

	Yes (give details below)	No
(900 Character limit)		

11) Do you have any previous education or courses that may be relevant to this profession? (example: post secondary education, art, medical, leadership courses, etc.)

	Yes (give details below)		No
(900 Character limit)			



## Section 3:

## **APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST**

In order for your application to be processed all of the following must be completed and submitted:

Apply online to the Dental Technology Program through APAS

Submit midterm marks (if applicable),

If you attended high school or a post-secondary institution outside of Alberta, you must request an official transcript to be sent to the Registrar's Office as soon as grades are available. If you attended high school or a post-secondary school within Alberta, your transcripts will automatically be requested through APAS. **Must be submitted to Registrar's office no later than April 30.**