GRADUATE PROFILE

“Studying dental prosthetics has allowed me to pursue my passion for working in the health industry with the opportunity to be creative.

‘RMIT suits my style of learning and allowed me time to work while I studied. Being able to access industry specific technology and facilities at the Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne made studying at RMIT very appealing.

‘The Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics provides the opportunity to treat a range of patients with a myriad of different needs at the Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne.

‘The theory we’re taught is practiced and constantly reinforced through treating patients. The program instils the qualities needed to work independently and also as part of a team with other dental professionals, making decisions that affect treatment.’

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Nicholas Greer (cover image)
Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics

RMIT has delivered dental training for more than 20 years and is the largest provider of dental assisting training in Victoria.

Acknowledgement of country

The Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation are the traditional custodians of the land on which this organisation stands. We pay our respects to owners and Elders, both past and present.
To ensure our students receive up-to-date training, RMIT University runs the Vocational Dental Education Centre at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne, located in Swanston Street, Carlton.

A 70-seat lecture theatre, a student computer classroom, a dental radiography/clinical simulation laboratory and several dental technician laboratories are just some of the state-of-the art teaching and learning facilities now available to dental students.

The latest addition is the state-of-the-art Simulation Lab opened in August 2013, which features 12 fully operational dental simulation units allowing students a full hands-on dental surgery experience in a simulated environment.

The facility provides training for vocational dental health support services in the areas of dental assisting, dental hygienists, dental technology and dental prosthetics.

The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne is the leading referral centre for specialist care. The hospital, in partnership with RMIT and the University of Melbourne, trains nearly 1000 students each year to become dentists, dental technicians, dental therapists, dental prosthodontists and dental assistants.
RMIT apprenticeship programs are structured to meet the realities of today’s fast-paced employment markets.

RMIT accepts apprentices year round and provides flexible training and education programs that are well regarded by industry. As a dual sector university, RMIT provides you with the opportunity to undertake further study and articulate into other programs.

Apprentices are employed under a government-approved training contract between you and an employer, in which the employer provides training and you learn the occupation. Apprentices can be aged 15 and over and you may already hold a qualification. Apprenticeships are usually three to four years in duration. Training can also be developed to suit the employer’s needs and can be on- or off-the-job, or a combination of both.

After the program is completed, you gain a nationally recognised qualification.

For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apps-trainees

Information for Employers

Employers are required to enrol an apprentice at a Registered Training Organisation, such as RMIT, within three months of starting work. They are also required to follow the conditions set out in the Training Contact and Training Plan, and provide the following:

— A quality work experience and structured training program
— An induction program and information on the rights, responsibilities and support services available
— Advice on the right wages and allowances
— Qualified people to supervise the work
— A safe and healthy workplace.

Employers’ Responsibilities

The employer is responsible for the student’s learning, and ensuring the student gains a well-rounded learning experience by:

— providing an experienced and qualified workplace supervisor to mentor the student through their studies
— completing the Workplace Training Record Book sections as required
— providing the student with a wide range of experiences, including all specialties of dental technology.

Information for Students

How to Become a Student at RMIT

Traineeship programs are run throughout the year so students can enrol at any time. To enrol in a traineeship program:

— Select the apprenticeship program that suits you
— Find employment
— You and your employer meet with an Australian Apprenticeships Centre (AAC) representative and sign a training contract
— The employer chooses a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), such as RMIT, to provide training support guidance and assessment.

Your Responsibilities

You are also expected to:

— Attend all classes
— Pre-read the prescribed textbooks prior to attending classes
— Complete all allocated work prior to attending classes
— Follow the dress code for classes, practical sessions and clinical sessions
— Have access to a computer and the Internet.

Any concerns you have should be discussed with your workplace supervisor or the RMIT student liaison officer.
**Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics**

**RMIT CODE** C6123  
**DURATION & APPLICATION** PT2—  
**NATIONAL CODE** HLT60412

**CITY CAMPUS**  

This National Training Package qualification provides you with the knowledge, clinical and practical skills required to apply for registration as a dental prosthetist in Australia.

Access to state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities for theory elements of the program, along with access to Dental Health Services Victoria clinical facilities create an integrated learning environment. Educators at RMIT will liaise closely with you to facilitate your individual training needs.

**WORKING WITH INDUSTRY**

You will treat Dental Health Services Victoria public patients at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne or, by arrangement, at a Dental Health Services Victoria community health centre. You work in these facilities with broader dental health teams including dentists, dental specialists and dental assistants.

**WHAT YOU WILL STUDY**

**Year One**

You will develop a theoretical and a clinical understanding of treatment planning for patients requiring full dental prosthetic services. This will include record keeping to hospital grade standards, oral pathology, charting and notation, and complying with infection control policies and procedures.

**Year Two**

You will build on your knowledge by extending treatment planning to patients requiring partial dental prosthetic services. This will include periodontics, detailed charting and notation and referral processes. You will also develop your business management skills.

**CAREER OUTLOOK**

Dental prosthetists work independently and in public or private clinics to provide complete and partial denture services and mouthguards to the public.

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

This program is nationally recognised and endorsed as the pre-eminent qualification required for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (AHPRA). Candidates from this program are referred to the Dental Practice Board of Australia to confirm their eligibility for registration with the Board. RMIT also has a Memorandum of Understanding with the peak industry body, the Dental Prosthetist Association of Australia (ADPA).

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must have an Australian or New Zealand Diploma of Dental Technology or equivalent.

For further information please contact the School of Life and Physical Sciences.

**SELECTION TASKS**

Applicants will be required to attend a pre-enrolment interview, a language, literacy and numeracy assessment and a practical skills assessment.

For more information please contact Info Corner.

**GRADUATE PROFILE**

‘The program is centred on patient care and I’ve had the opportunity to develop my ‘chair side manner’, along with leadership and time management skills.

‘The opportunity to experience first-hand how an appliance I have constructed can assist a patient has been really rewarding.

‘Major highlights of my studies over my time at RMIT have been an award for the Community Services and Health Industry Training Board award Apprentice of the year (Dental Technology) and I was also lucky enough to receive a TAFE Development Centre Teaching Fellowship, while studying the Diploma of Vocational Education and Training Practices.

‘I have started a business with a qualified Dental Prosthetist who treats the patients, while as the Dental Technician I construct all of the appliances. This has been a huge benefit, exposing me to the dental industry, and showing me the skills needed to become a Dental Prosthetist, as well as the business skills needed to run a business.

‘I’m looking forward to graduating and being able to treat patients while expanding our business.’

**Nicholas Greer**

Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics
Diploma of Dental Technology

Diploma of Dental Technology—Apprenticeship

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City CAMPUS
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c5312

This National Training Package qualification provides you with the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively perform the entry-level roles and responsibilities of a dental technician.

This program combines classroom-based courses and on-the-job training. Educators from RMIT liaise closely with workplace supervisors to facilitate training that meets your individual learning needs.

DELIVERY

The program is delivered through:

— on-the-job training (apprenticeship only)
— classroom theory-based courses
— hands on workshops in a simulated dental laboratory.

The program is delivered in a block release format. — apprentice only or 18 months part-time for the non-apprentice.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

As a dental technician you will work behind the scenes using impressions taken by a dentist or dental prosthetist. You will manufacture a range of appliances including full and partial dentures, crowns, bridges and orthodontic appliances. The following are examples of courses offered:

### Core Courses

— Apply first aid
— Articulate models and transfer records
— Comply with infection control policies and procedures in health work
— Construct cast metal alloy removable partial denture framework
— Construct crown and bridge structures
— Construct custom impression trays
— Construct fixed restorations
— Construct immediate dentures
— Construct models
— Construct oral splints
— Construct orthodontic appliances
— Construct registration rims
— Construct removable acrylic partial dentures
— Construct simple complete removable acrylic dentures and appliances
— Construct thermoformed bases and appliances
— Contribute to OHS processes
— Join alloy structures
— Maintain an effective health work environment
— Organise personal work priorities and development
— Organise workplace information
— Repair and modify dentures and appliances
— Take tooth shades.

### Elective Courses

— Construct indirect composite polymer fixed restorations
— Deliver and monitor a service to customers
— Maintain business resources
— Maintain financial records
— Take a clinical photograph
— Use business technology
— Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
— Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Dental technicians provide support to dental personnel in public hospitals, dental laboratories and clinics. Graduates will be able to undertake work at the technical level in denture construction; cast partial denture fabrication; orthodontics; and crown and bridge.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The Diploma of Dental Technology—apprenticeship is a nationally endorsed and recognised training program qualification that is supported and underpinned by a National Health Training Package.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is also recommended that you have literacy and numeracy skills equivalent to Year 12 VCE English and Year 11 VCE mathematics, or equivalent; oral communication skills in the English language sufficient to ensure you can accurately provide, interpret and respond to instructions; and perform basic functions on a computer.

Applicants without this background may be directed to bridging or supplementary programs to acquire the necessary competencies.

Apprenticeship Only—You must be employed and registered as an apprentice dental technician under a Training Agreement in a dental laboratory.

For more information please contact Info Corner.
How to Apply

Direct application
To apply for full-time and part-time TAFE programs not offered through VTAC submit a direct application at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply.

RMIT school-based application
To apply for the Diploma of Dental Technology—apprenticeship you will need to submit an application directly to the School of Life and Physical Sciences.
Information on where to obtain and lodge an application can be found on the program information web page at www.rmit.edu.au/programs, by contacting Info Corner, or by contacting the School of Life and Physical Sciences at www.rmit.edu.au/lifephysicalsciences.

Midyear entry
To apply for midyear entry at RMIT you need to submit a direct application online. Not all RMIT programs will accept applications for midyear entry. A list of programs accepting midyear applications is published in May at www.rmit.edu.au/midyear.

Entrance requirements
RMIT has general requirements of entry which applicants are required to meet in order to demonstrate their capacity to successfully complete an RMIT program. The general requirements of entry for undergraduate programs can be found at www.rmit.edu.au/policies/students/selection.

Application dates
For VTAC and direct application dates and deadlines, please visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply.

More information
For more information about RMIT programs and application procedures, go to www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply or contact Info Corner (see back cover of this guide).

Money Matters

Fees
For up-to-date fee information, please visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees. Tuition fees and other charges relating to traineeships are paid by either the employer or the apprentice. This should be discussed between the employer and apprentice before enrolment.

Material fees
Material fees are charged by RMIT for goods and services associated with your study such as field trips or lecture notes, reading material or course readers and laboratory or workshop equipment that is consumed by you or may become your own property after you have completed the course. These fees are not compulsory and you can choose to purchase these items independently.

Further Information

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