ADMISSIONS

Admission Requirements*

All applicants meeting the appropriate academic requirements and technical standards shall be considered equally for admission. Each applicant must submit the following data by February 15. Qualified applicants may be considered and admitted after February (on a space available basis).

Application Data

Students who are currently enrolled in classes at BCTC must fill out a Letter of Intent, available in the Office of Admissions. Students who are not currently enrolled in classes must fill out an application for admission.

An official transcript of all post-secondary education attempted.

Interview with a program representative. The interview process can be completed online at www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/ah/dlt/interview_form or the BCTC Catalog for the most current admissions requirements.

Technical Standards

Dental laboratory technicians fabricate custom-made prostheses designed to meet each patient’s specific needs. In order to be considered for admission and to be retained in the program, applicants must possess sufficient visual acuity, gross and fine motor coordination, intellectual and emotional functions, and verbal and nonverbal communication skills. Refer to the BCTC Catalog for complete details.

HOW TO CONTACT US

To obtain a catalog, application, or additional information contact:

Coordinator, Dental Laboratory Technology Program
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Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0235
859.246.6244
www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/ah/dlt/

BCTC Office of Admissions
200 Oswald Building, Cooper Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0235
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* Please check the program website at www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/ah/dlt/ or the BCTC Catalog for the most current admissions requirements.

A CAREER WITH A FUTURE!

COLLEGE ACCREDITATION
Bluegrass Community and Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees.

BCTC is an equal opportunity institution.
Dental technicians are an important member of the total dental health care team but usually do not have contact with the patient. Dental technicians make dental prostheses by following written instructions from a dentist. These prostheses replace or repair a portion or all of a patient’s natural teeth to help them eat, chew, talk and smile as well as or better than they did before.

Dental technicians enjoy performing precision work with their hands, working independently, and using their artistic abilities. Paying attention to detail is important.

The Dental Laboratory Technology Program at Bluegrass Community & Technical College has been fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA) since 1965. The Program’s outstanding curriculum along with a small class size of approximately 18 students per year has ranked the program as one of the best in the nation. Graduate success rates on the Recognized Graduate Exam are exceptionally high, usually with a 100% pass rate.

The curriculum, which is approved by the ADA, prepares students to fabricate dental appliances in five major areas of specialization within the dental laboratory field.

- Orthodontics - appliances which straighten or reposition teeth.
- Crown and Bridge - gold restorations (crowns) to protect and restore damaged teeth.
- Ceramics - ceramic or polymer glass restorations to protect, restore, and/or improve the esthetics of existing teeth.
- Complete Dentures - appliances to replace all of a patient’s teeth and surrounding tissue.
- Removable Partial Dentures - appliances to replace only those teeth which a patient is missing.

“What appeals to me about dental laboratory technology is producing something with my hands that is very detailed and customized. I enjoy the program because of the small classes and all of the one-on-one attention from the instructors.”

In addition to the five areas of specialization, support courses include dental anatomy, occlusion, materials, dental laboratory management, history and ethics. Classes in the basic sciences, writing, and other general education courses complete the curriculum.

Employment options in dental technology are varied and include:

- Self-owned laboratories
- Commercial laboratories employing from 2 to more than 100 employees
- Dental offices with laboratories
- Institutions such as dental schools, Veterans Administration Hospitals, and others
- Technical representatives for manufacturing companies, research and development
- Dental sales
- Teaching positions in dental technology education programs