

What can a career in Dental Laboratory Technology offer you?

**Flexible Career Options • Creativity • High Demand
Personal Fulfillment • Exciting New Technologies**



What does a dental laboratory technician (DLT) do?

- Creates replacements for natural teeth
- Uses artistic talent and “high tech” methods in creating customized, hand-crafted dental restorations made from gold, chrome, alloys and ceramics
- Provides a valued health care service by working with a dentist to improve a patient’s health and appearance

Where do dental laboratory technicians work?

- Commercial dental laboratories
- Laboratory owners/operators
- Dental offices, dental schools, hospitals, military facilities
- Dental manufacturers and suppliers

What training is needed?

- College level education is encouraged, but careers can begin without college level courses through on-the-job-training in dental laboratories or dental offices
- Some DLTs receive training through two year accredited programs
- There are approximately 20 ADA accredited dental technology education programs in community colleges, technical colleges and dental schools in U.S.

What are future opportunities?

- Currently there is a great demand for dental laboratory technicians
- Owning your own business (laboratory owner) is often an option
- Dental laboratory technology offers excellent career opportunities for nontraditional students and those seeking a career change
- Earning potential depends on demonstrated skill, specific responsibilities, geographic location and other factors

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