The Dental Laboratory Technology Associate degree program is designed to prepare students through clinical casework to meet employment expectations and responsibility to the dental patient. Students learn to maintain and utilize state-of-the-art equipment in the dental laboratory facility. Students are prepared to succeed in the National Board for Certification.

This advising guide includes information that will help you to explore your academic and career interests and determine whether the Dental Laboratory Technology major will support your long-term goals.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS WITH ACADEMIC ADVISING

Throughout each semester, meet with your advisor so that he/she can guide you through a self-exploration process that will help you identify your academic and career interests.

Beginning of Semester:
___ Schedule an appointment to meet with your academic advisor during the first few weeks to discuss future plans and how a Business Administration Degree can help you achieve your goals.
___ Explore your personal interests by completing Focus2, an online career assessment tool: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careerservices/focus2.aspx

Mid-Semester:
___ Schedule an appointment with academic advisor review your academic progress, Focus2 results and create an academic plan in Degree Works.

Before Semester Ends:
___ Schedule an appointment to discuss and register for the classes you will take the following semester.
   (Early November for spring, Early April for fall and summer)
___ Visit the Academic Career & Transfer Center or call 1-800-818-3434 to schedule an appointment.

DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Graduates of the program are prepared to:

- Students will be able to demonstrate competence in the fabrication of removable and fixed prostheses;
- Students will be able to perform all related procedures at a commercial level;
- Students will be able to practice within the legal and ethical framework of the profession;
- Students will be able to use appropriate oral and written communication in all professional interactions.
- Students will be able to successfully complete the RG Exam.
QUIZ: To find out if a career in Dental Laboratory Technology is right for you, check off all the statements below that apply to you:

_____ I like to work with my hands.
_____ I pay attention to details.
_____ I have artistic abilities.
_____ I enjoy working with different kinds of materials.
_____ I have an appreciation for science.
_____ I am able to work with others as a team member.
_____ I have good communication skills.
_____ I have good eye-hand coordination skills.
_____ I like fabricating different kinds of devices.
_____ I am organized and able to meet deadlines.

Grading the quiz:
If you checked off seven out of the above statements, then Dental Laboratory Technology might be a good fit for you.
THE CAREER PATH

Students find career opportunities in dental laboratories, dental schools and dental offices throughout New England. Graduates of the Dental Laboratory Technology program have had a 100 percent placement rate. The DLT may be employed in a dental office and work directly for a dentist. However, most are employed in commercial dental labs which serve a large number of dentists. These laboratories may be a one-technician operation or an establishment with more than 100 dental technicians.

Career Planning Activities:
___ Work with career advisor to create resume, cover letter and help improve your interview skills
___ Identify internship and volunteer opportunities in your desired field
___ Attend career workshops and job fairs
___ Inquire within the Dental Laboratory Technology department about dental laboratory technology job openings. The DLT department continuously receives information about job opportunities for students and graduates

MCC ADVISING RESOURCES
Career Services: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careerservices
Transfer Services: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/transfer
Financial Aid: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/financialaid
Foundation Scholarships: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/foundation/scholarships
College Board Match Maker: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
American Dental Association: http://www.ADA.org
National Association of Dental Laboratories: http://www.NADL.org
National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology: http://www.NBCcert.org
You can find more information about careers and salaries at: www.bls.gov.

THE TRANSFER PATH

Although limited, transfer to a bachelor degree in Dental Laboratory Technology is an option for graduates with an associate degree from MCC Dental Laboratory Technology program. Some of our graduates choose to transfer to dental schools; many have been successful in completing their studies and are now practicing dentists. Discuss either of these options with your academic advisor to create a transfer plan.

Transfer Planning Activities:
___ Work with an advisor to discuss MassTransfer, Articulations and transfer agreements
___ Visit your selected campuses in person. Every college looks good online or in a glossy photo, but you can get a better feel when you visit
___ Meet with a transfer counselor to identify transfer scholarships
___ Research admissions requirements and deadlines at four-year colleges and universities

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