



# MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS ADVISING GUIDE: *Dental Laboratory Technology*

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.

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## 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.

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**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.

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### 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](http://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