

DENTAL SERVICES

Dental professionals work together to provide oral care and dental health maintenance services from cleanings to more specialized procedures and surgeries.

DENTIST
DENTAL HYGIENIST
DENTURIST
DENTAL TECHNOLOGIST
DENTAL ASSISTANT



dentist

A Dentist diagnoses and treats diseases, injuries and malformations of the teeth and mouth. They also improve a patient's appearance by using a variety of cosmetic dental procedures, perform surgical procedures such as implants, tissue grafts and extractions and they educate patients on how to better care for their teeth and prevent oral disease.

Approximate salary:

\$42.00 – \$80.00 per hour

Academic requirements:

A Doctor in Dental Surgery is required. Admission to the four-year university program requires the completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours of university study in a

degree or degree-like program including the following required courses:

- 6 credit hours – introductory Biology with lab
- 6 credit hours - introductory Chemistry with lab
- 6 credit hours – introductory Physics with lab
- 6 credit hours – Organic Chemistry with lab
- 3 credit hours – Introductory to Bio-Chemistry

Upon successful completion of the education requirements, one must successfully challenge the National Dental Examining Board of Canada's examinations to receive certification as a dentist. www.ndeb.ca

To work as a Dentist in Nova Scotia, one must be registered and licensed through the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia. www.pdbns.ca

Educational institute(s) in Nova Scotia offering a program:

- Dalhousie University

dental hygienist

Dental Hygienists are regulated health care professionals whose work focuses on the oral health of an individual or a community. Dental hygienists are involved in a variety of key responsibility areas related to dental hygiene practice (e.g., clinical, education, health promotion, administration, research). In their practice, dental hygienists assess, diagnose, and treat oral health conditions through the provision of therapeutic, educational, and preventive dental hygiene services and strategies to promote wellness. Dental hygienists work in a variety of settings including interdisciplinary health centers, dental practices community health, continuing care facilities, independent dental hygiene clinics, or mobile practices and provide in home oral health care.

Approximate salary:

\$28.00 – \$35.00 per hour

Academic requirements:

- There is both a Diploma program as well as a Bachelors program. For admission into the Diploma program, one must have completed 5 full year university classes plus statistics. For the Bachelors program, one must have completed the Diploma of Dental Hygiene program and complete an additional year of study.
- Upon completion of the educational requirements, one must write the Canadian National Dental Hygiene Certification Exam. A person who wishes to work as a dental hygienist in Nova Scotia must be registered with the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia (CDHNS). Upon fulfilling the requirements of registration one will be issued a practicing license.

Educational institute(s) in Nova Scotia offering a program:

- Dalhousie University



denturist

Denturists assess and treat the oral health of persons who are missing some or all of their natural teeth. They design, repair, relin, and make removable dental appliances. Denturists provide mouth guards and other dental devices to restore and maintain natural function and appearance.

Approximate salary:

\$21.25 – \$32.00 per hour

Academic requirements:

- Completion of High school or equivalent. Prerequisites differ for each institution but generally include biology, chemistry, physics, math and English.

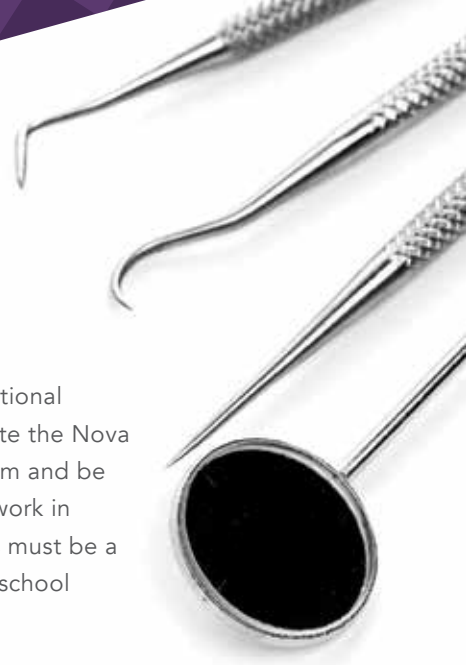
- Upon completion of educational requirements one must write the Nova Scotia Denturist Board Exam and be certified as a Denturist to work in Nova Scotia. All applicants must be a graduate of an accredited school of denturism.

Educational institute(s) in Nova Scotia offering a program:

There are no programs in Nova Scotia.

The program is offered at:

- George Brown College
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
- Vancouver Community College



dental technologist

As a key part of the dental industry, dental technologists build a range of dental prostheses, including crowns, veneers, retainers and full and partial dentures. Since no two patients are the same, each device dental technologists produce must be custom made for one person. Using information provided by dentists, including molds and impressions of people's mouths, dental technologists design and build prosthetic devices that will help improve their patients' overall oral health. Dental technologists work with different materials, including wax, plastic, stainless steel, precious and non-precious metals, porcelain, composites and polymer glass combinations. They also use sophisticated tools and equipment on the job to create devices that are both functional and attractive.

Approximate salary:

\$18.25 – \$26.00 per hour

Academic requirements:

- Completion of High school or equivalent. Prerequisites differ for each institution but generally include biology, chemistry, physics, math and English.
- Upon completion of the educational requirements, one must write the Dental Technicians certification exam. One cannot use the title of Registered Dental Technologist until they are certified. Once certified registration as a member with the Nova Scotia Dental Technicians Association is required.

Educational institute(s) in Nova Scotia offering a program:

There are no programs in Nova Scotia.

The program is offered at:

- George Brown College
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology



dental assistant

Dental Assistants perform a variety of patient care, office and laboratory duties. They often schedule and confirm appointments, receive patients, keep treatment records, and order dental supplies. They also work alongside a dentist handing instruments and materials and perform other related duties. A Dental Assistant is responsible for sterilizing instruments and equipment, preparing tray setups for the dental procedures and instructs patients on postoperative and general oral care.

Approximate salary:

\$17.50 – \$22.00 per hour

Academic requirements:

- High School diploma or equivalent. (*Nova Scotia Community College requires that a student have grade 12 Biology.)
- Upon completion of the educational requirements, one must write the National Dental Assistant Exam.
- Before applying for a license with the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia, one must be an active member with the Nova Scotia Dental Assistant Association.

Educational institute(s) in Nova Scotia offering a program:

- Nova Scotia Community College
- Cape Breton Business College

