



Denturists

A profession with a very healthy future

For those considering a career in health care, Denturism offers daily challenges, hands-on work, and a chance to be self-employed in a field with great prospects. As uniquely skilled professionals, Denturists are trained in all aspects of denture fitting and fabrication, from taking impressions to personally creating dentures in their own onsite laboratory. Denturists work directly with patients at every stage of the treatment process – to create a beautiful smile.

Why young grads are choosing Denturism

As a career choice, Denturism offers everything a young professional could hope for: independence, variety, prosperity and the chance to bring a smile to thousands of faces.

Independence

Most Denturists run their own businesses, set their own hours and work independently. Denturists are proud to be self-employed and responsible for their business and clinical environment.

Prosperity

Denturism is a career with excellent long-term prospects. As Ontario's population ages, demand for health care services in general and Denturist services in particular will continue to grow. In fact there is already more demand for Denturist services, than there are graduates.¹ As a specialized oral health care professional, Denturists can earn incomes that are well above the national average.

Technical Ability and Problem Solving

A Denturist is directly involved in all aspects of the technical procedures that go into creating dentures and related devices. Skilled, hands-on work is a big part of the job; understanding patients' needs and communicating with patients is the first step in the process.

Services provided by Denturists

- oral examinations and consultation
- full dentures
- partial dentures (to replace one or more, but not all teeth)
- immediate dentures (a denture made prior to tooth extraction and placed immediately after teeth are pulled)
- implant-retained and supported dentures
- repair of broken dentures
- relining and rebasing of loose dentures
- soft liners

Other services that may be offered by Denturists, include mouth guards, tooth whitening and anti-snoring devices.



Becoming a Denturist in Ontario

Toronto's George Brown College currently offers the only accredited Denturism program in Ontario. Students are trained in treatment planning as well as in the design, construction and fitting of full, partial and immediate dentures. Students study biology, microbiology, oral pathology, health promotion, management and Denturist practice, with all areas observing international standards. For more information, visit www.georgebrown.ca/healthsciences

Variety

No two days will be alike for a Denturist. Because they work alternately in the clinic with their patients (at consultations and fittings), and in the laboratory, Denturists enjoy mixed schedules – and the pride of seeing the results of their expertise.

The College of Denturists of Ontario

The College of Denturists of Ontario (CDO) is a member of the Federation of Regulated Health Colleges of Ontario and is the regulatory body that certifies (licenses) and governs Denturists within the province of Ontario. The mandate of the CDO is to serve the public interest by maintaining the highest standards of qualification and ethics for its members in accordance with the Regulated Health Professions Act and the Denturism Act.

Denturists must be registered (licensed) with the College of Denturists of Ontario in order to practice in Ontario. Their Certificate of Registration (license) must be prominently displayed in their office.

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