



On behalf of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) Dental Technology program, we are seeking partnerships with industry organizations who are interested in receiving a student for a work integrated learning (WIL) experience. In preparing our students to be industry ready graduates, the CDTA and industry stakeholders support NAIT in the implementation of a Dental Technology WIL.

WIL integrates academic studies with work-based learning and is directly tied to curriculum. WIL experiences are part of an approved program of study. The WIL at NAIT model contains educational features of: the development of learning outcomes that lead to employability; the assessment of learning outcomes; purposeful reflection; and a meaningful, supervised experience.

Details of the Dental Technology WIL:

- The WIL placement will currently be structured as a 3 week placement during spring intersession. Based on availability, students may rotate between different disciplines to enhance their skills.
- Placements are to occur from June 7-25, 2021; and likely occurring each May thereafter. (Scheduling may be subject to change)
- Students will arrive on site after their first year in the Dental Technology program, with a base level of hand skills in each discipline, and training in professionalism, safe practices, and knowledge of local regulations, and our professional code of ethics.
- The objective of the WIL course is for the students to apply learned outcomes in active work environments, therefore increasing their experience, and ultimately their employability. They will be evaluated not only on their ability to fabricate components of dental prostheses, but also on their ability to integrate professionally into a lab setting.



- The students will have set outcomes to achieve within their placement time frame, and you as the preceptor will have full control over evaluating their assigned tasks. Assigned tasks may include active case work or practice models and will be chosen entirely at your discretion. Outcomes have been chosen to fit into any of the four designations of the Dental Technology profession, and are structured as components of a complete case or procedure.
- Daily supervision is via the preceptor on site. Staff of the Dental Technology program will provide the necessary training/orientation on how to precept the student and how to complete the student evaluation tools.
- Once a declaration of interest is received, the program will send the site a “new site checklist” to ensure the site meets the requirements of a WIL placement.
- NAIT will also provide the site with a Student Placement Agreement for the student and site to sign.

Thank you in advance for your support; in partnership with our valued industry partners, this invaluable opportunity will enable NAIT’s Dental Technology students to graduate with an increased work-ready skillset.

We would like an opportunity to meet with you and discuss the possibilities, as well as any NAIT supports available, in order to ensure a successful partnership and student experience. Please feel free to contact our program chair by email or phone at the following:

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