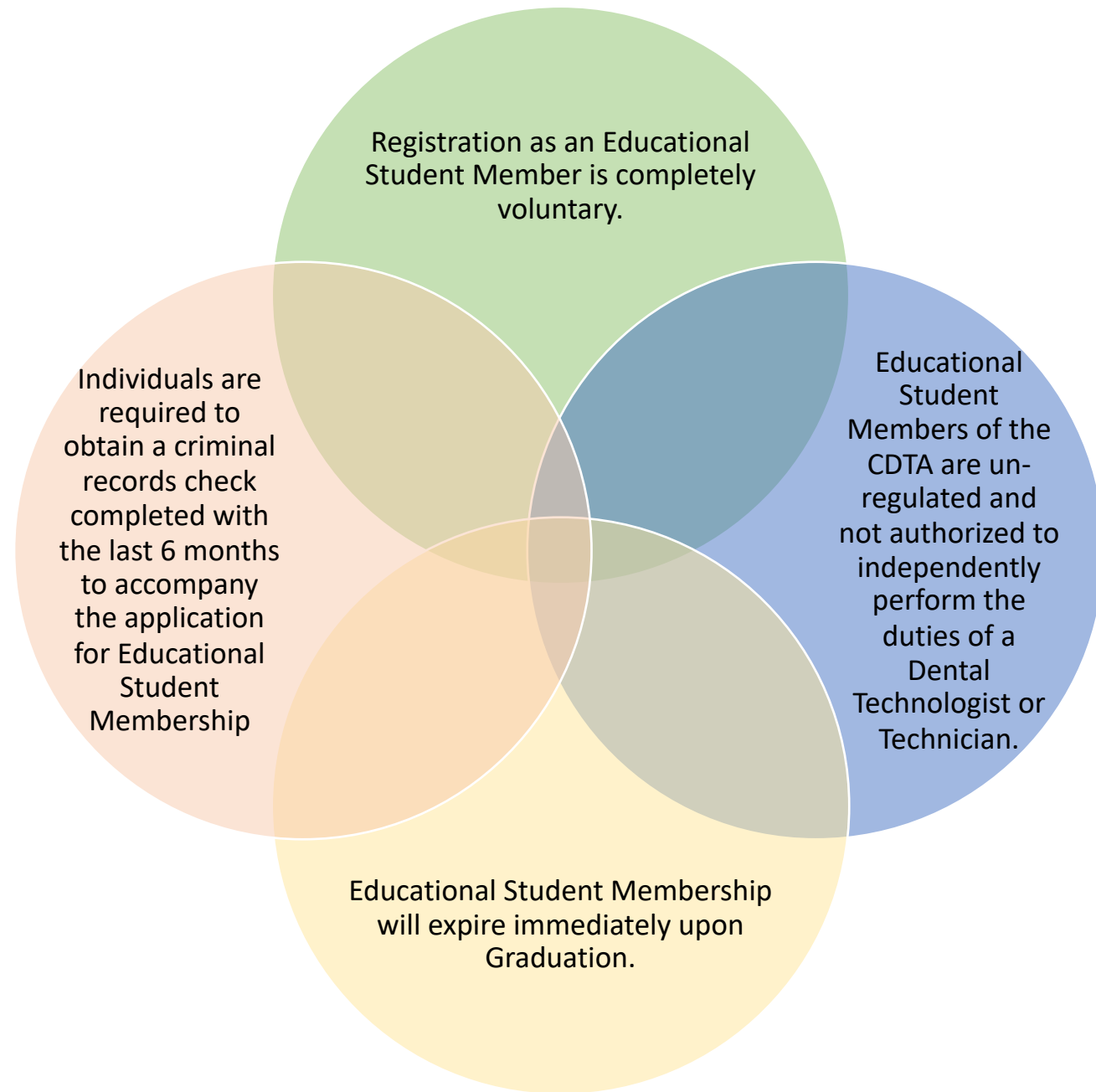




Student Membership

Registration Process

Students currently enrolled in the Dental Technology Program at NAIT have the option to register with the CDTA as Educational Student Members.



BENEFITS OF EDUCATIONAL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

- DISCOUNT OF \$ 430.00 ON FIRST YEAR OF REGISTRATION AS A REGULATED MEMBER.
- SUSSCRIPTION TO SPECTRUM MAGAZINE.
- ENGAGEMENT IN THE HEALTH PROFESSION IN WHICH YOU WILL BE PRACTICING.
- ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE CDTA
- RECEIVE ALL MEMBER UPDATES VIA EMAIL FROM THE CDTA.

Student Member Applications are due
November 15th.

Applications are available online at
www.cdta.ca

Late applications will not be accepted.

NAIT GRADUATE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Legislation- Health Professions Act (HPA)

The College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (CDTA) was established under the Health Professions Act and the Dental Technologists Profession Regulation in 2004. This legislation gives the College its authority and mandate to Regulate the Profession of Dental Technology in Alberta. Legislation provides specific direction on how a College may operate its registration, continuing complete and discipline processes. Legislation is created by Government. The CDTA operates under the Authority of the Government of Alberta.

Regulations- Dental Technologists Profession Regulation

The Dental Technologists Profession Regulation was created in accordance with Section 131 of the Health Professions and describe the specific rules and requirements that support the College in governing the profession. In particular, the College looks to its regulations when creating its registration and examination policies and procedures, implementing and administering its Continuing Competence audit process.

By-laws

Council of the College creates its By-laws in accordance with Section 132 of the Health Professions Act. The By-laws provide the framework and foundation for College operations including, elections processes, College fees, the information that may appear on the public register, and renewal policies and procedures.

Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics

Dental Technologists registered under the [*Health Professions Act*](#) (HPA) must adhere to the CDTA's [Standards of Practice](#) and [Code of Ethics](#) and only perform those duties and Restricted Activities in which they are competent after proper education, training and experience.

Continuing Competency Requirements

Registered Dental Technologists/Technicians are required to complete 60 hours of continuing competence credits in each 5 years of registration. These requirements are in effect for all Regulated Members, including registrants holding temporary/conditional Practice Permits. Continuing competence cycles begin January 1st following the year of initial registration. The CDTA conducts continuing competence audits on an annual basis. You may be audited before you have completed a cycle and are required to respond to the audit.

New Graduate Applications

- As per S.46 (2) of the Health Professions Act of Alberta, registration with the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (CDTA) is mandatory. Individuals engaged in the Profession of Dental Technology will be required to register with the appropriate Regulatory College in each jurisdiction. It should be noted that Dental Technology is not a regulated Profession in all Provinces.
- New graduates applying to the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (CDTA) must successfully complete the CDTA's practical examinations as specified in the Dental Technologists Profession Regulation. These examinations are used to assess an applicant's ability to meet the current registration requirements and entry to practice competence in Alberta.



Registration

Practical Examination Process

Upon Graduation, you will be required to complete Practical Examination(s) prior to being eligible to apply for a Practice Permit without conditions and work unsupervised in the Profession of Dental Technology.

Practical Exams are designed to:

1. Examine your technical competency to evaluate your risk of affecting the physical and psychological health and safety of the public from incompetent, unethical, or impaired practice of the profession.
2. Examine your qualifications to provide for an entry to practice standard of competence to the public.
3. Examine that the education and experience you have gained demonstrates the competence required for registration as a Regulated Member of the CDTA.
4. Ensure safety in the fabrication of a Dental Prosthesis and the finished restoration would not cause harm when placed intraorally.

Examination Summary

A large portion of the examination is to be completed as preliminary preparation prior to the examination date. Exam candidates will receive the full examination instructions at least 30 days prior to the examination date. Exam candidates are responsible to provide ALL exam supplies.

Exam Candidates are expected to complete all preliminary work independently.

Crown and Bridge

Project 1: Construct a 3-unit porcelain fused to metal framework with opaque already applied or a 3-unit pressed or milled bridge framework. Opaque can be applied in advance but porcelain to be applied on site and finished.

Project 2: Complete on site a 3-unit bridge framework wax-up to the pfm design specifications.

Project 3: Complete a single unit pfm or milled or pressed crown. Crown framework will be fabricated in advance. Porcelain to be applied and finished onsite.

Project 4: Full metal crown with sprue attached to be fit, finished and polished on-site.

Orthodontics

Project 1: Construct a maxillary appliance to correct crossbite.

Project 2: Construct a bilateral upper holding arch.

Project 3: Fabricate a maxillary hard acrylic splint. (pre-fabricated to be trimmed on-site)

Removable Full Prosthetics

Project 1:

Preliminary work: Maxillary and mandibular models with occlusal rims, mounted on a semi-adjustable articulator, for the construction of a complete maxillary and mandibular denture set-up ready for Try-in.

On site work: The candidate is to bring suitable teeth on original tooth cards (2 x 14), perform a complete denture set up ready for try-in.

Project 2:

Preliminary work: Candidates are also to prepare a set of maxillary and mandibular processed dentures and made ready for deflasking.

On site work: Deflask, remount, trim, polish and finish the set of complete dentures.

Removable Partial Prosthetics

Preliminary work:

Construct a Partial Mandibular Denture:

- A cast showing the surveying, design
- A second cast with the design plus the relief and block out
- A duplicate cast, ready for waxing up on site
- An unfinished cast metal framework, still sprued and sandblasted to be finished on site
- An opposing articulated cast, ready for wax setup

On site work: Trim and finish metal framework, finish is to be ready for try-in. Trim and wax up teeth on the framework in occlusion and wax up ready for try-in

Examination projects
and processes are
subject to change by
Council.

Graduates can choose to be examined in any combination of the four competencies of Dental Technology. Successful completion of any competency will allow individuals to apply for registration to work independently in that competency.

The CDTA does recommend that graduates practice under a Temporary/Conditional Practice Permit for a minimum of 1 year prior to challenging the Practical Examinations to obtain practical, hands on experience.

Candidates will be given one day to complete each examination competency.

Exams are administered by the CDTA on a cost recovery basis. The cost to complete each competency is \$500.00

A passing grade of 70% is required.

Candidates must provide all materials and tools required to complete the examination(s).

Temporary/Conditional Practice Permit Application

Temporary/conditional Practice Permits are issued under Section 19 of the Dental Technologists Profession Regulation.

(b) a requirement to practice under the supervision of a registered dental technologists or technician;

This means that graduates applying for Temporary-Conditional Practice Permits must be hired to work in an environment where either a Registered Dental Technologist or Technician will be present and provide direct supervision.

(f) a requirement to complete any examinations, testing, assessment, counselling, training or education; and

The Temporary/Conditional licensure policy requires that graduates holding temporary/conditional Practice Permits complete the practical examinations in at least one competency within two examination cycles (approximately 18 months) of graduation. **Applications for Practical Examinations must be submitted at least 3 months prior to the examination date.**

(h) a provision that the practice permit is valid only for a specified time or specified purpose.

In order to apply for a temporary/conditional Practice Permit, graduates must be employed, have a Regulated Supervisor, and submit an application form and registration fee.

Individuals applying for a temporary/conditional practice permit are required to register for the practical exams in at least one competency at the time of application. Practical exams fees are \$500.00 per competency.

Temporary/conditional Practice Permits expire after 18 months and do not qualify for labour mobility amongst regulated jurisdictions.

RDT's/DT's practicing with a CDTA temporary/conditional Practice Permit must practice under "direct supervision" of a Regulated Member in good standing.

"Direct supervision" means that a Regulated Member with an appropriate RDT or DT Practice Permit is physically present and available to assist and/or consult and must review any final product.

It is important to remember that ALL Practice Permits must be renewed each fall prior to the upcoming registration year. For example, the renewal for a 2021 registration and Practice Permit must be completed online by November 01, 2020 or a non-compliance fee will apply.

Graduates are required by
Provincial Legislation register
with the CDTA after graduation
in order to legally engage in the
Profession of Dental
Technology in the Province of
Alberta.

Applications must be completed
prior to being employed.

KEY DATES

November 15, 2019 : Application for Student Membership Due

April 30, 2020: Educational Student Membership Expire

May 30, 2020: Cut off for Practical Exam applications

August 2020: Practical Examinations

After graduation but prior to commencement of employment:
Complete the registration process for Temporary/Conditional
Practical Permit.

REMINDER: Practical Exam applications are required in support of
an application for a temporary-conditional practice permit.