



Your Degree What Next: *Dental Technology*

What can I do with my degree?

As a graduate of Dental Technology from Trinity, you have placed yourself in an excellent position for employment with the HSE, and private practices within Ireland and Europe. You will be able to pursue opportunities working in a laboratory environment or to be self employed and you will have scope to work and travel abroad.

There is also the opportunity for further study with The Dublin Dental Hospital recently introducing a Post-graduate Diploma in Clinical Dental Technology.

Furthermore, there is also the scope to utilise your skills in a different but similar environment, such as the medical device industry and there are overlaps between the medical and dental technological world in various ways. Also, some graduates in the past have crossed over to further study in the field of dental science, dental hygiene and dental nursing.

Some graduates also choose to go into research and innovation, looking into the future of dental technology in all it's forms.

Roles

Dental Technologist
Dental Hygienist
Research Assistant
Periodontologist

Employers

HSE
Private Practices
Irish Dental Association
Council for European Dentists

Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

Professional Bodies and Useful Sites

[Irish Dental Association](#)
[Dental Technicians Ireland Association](#)
[Association for Dental Education in Europe](#)
[Dental Technicians Association UK](#)

Resources

[Dental Technician Positions](#)
www.hse.ie
www.cpl.ie
www.goabroad.com
www.volunteer.ie

Graduate attributes and transferrable skills you can develop at Trinity

Alongside the obvious clinical and technical skills you have developed, you gain a wide range of other skills and attributes while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for postgraduate study and jobs.

Here are some skills you can gain :

1. Critical Thinking - Learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively.

2. Teamwork - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as a team to develop ideas and present a coherent group argument.

3. Independent Research - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and co-ordinate information from a wide variety of sources.

4. Logical argumentation - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific question or analyse a problem.

5. Time and project management - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

6. Verbal communication - You will know how to present your ideas orally and to contribute constructively to discussions.

7. Written communication - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments which are based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research on a specialised topic and develop the sustained writing skills needed.

8. Digital Skills - You will have the opportunity of developing your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

9. Personal Development – You are managing the learning required for a degree and recognising the gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style.

How can the Careers Service help me?

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