

Diploma in Higher Education Dental Technology Programme

Application Pack

Please carefully read the full application guidance within this pack before completing your application form and submitting, alongside the evidence required.

Should you have any questions regarding the application process please contact dcpadmissions@abdn.ac.uk

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Monday 4th March: Application portal opens.

Wednesday 10th April: Application portal closes.

Thursday 9th May: Multiple Mini Interviews (Location: Aberdeen).

Friday 17th May: Admissions decisions sent to all applicants.

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Diploma in Higher Education (Dip HE) Dental Technology Programme

Overview

The only programme of its kind in Scotland, this specialist course integrates teaching of practical dental technology processes and techniques with on-line learning, which will educate and train students to be dental technicians. Teaching is provided by experienced Institute of Dentistry staff, who will work alongside workplace supervisors to support students to achieve their potential within the Programme.

Dental technicians manufacture, repair and advise on custom-made dental appliances under the prescription of a dentist or other qualified dental care professional.

Upon completion of the programme you will understand the role of a dental care professional, the anatomy, physiology and human disease relevant to dental technology as well as biomaterials and technical aspects related to fixed and removable prostheses and orthodontic appliances. The programme offers you the opportunity to study whilst employed as a trainee dental technician in a registered dental laboratory.

On qualifying with the DipHE in Dental Technology, you will be eligible to apply to register with the General Dental Council (GDC) to practise as a dental technician and to use that title.

The Application Process

The application process which we follow ensures that successful applicants have the academic background, employment and lab access, and workplace support to allow them to succeed within the Programme.

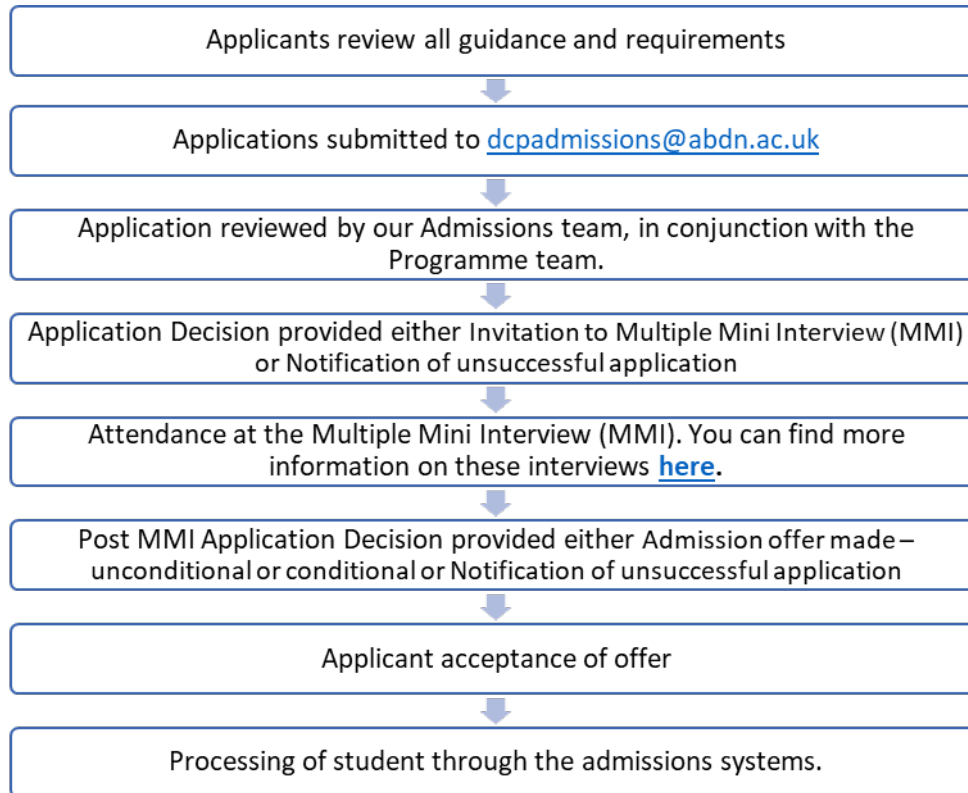
There are a number of steps with respect to the application process. Applicants should read and understand them all before applying.

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- **Thursday 9th May:** Multiple Mini Interviews (Location: Aberdeen).
- **Friday 17th May:** Admissions decisions sent to all applicants.
- **Monday 20th May to Friday 28th June:** Workplace visits scheduled (Dates scheduled with Laboratory managers)
- **Monday 16th September:** Programme Start date.

Application Pathway

The applications process follows a clear path:



Unconditional / Conditional Offers

There are two types of final offer we can make following Multiple Mini Interviews; these are an unconditional offer or a conditional offer.

Unconditional offer

This is an offer with no conditions attached. Should you accept this offer, you would be admitted to the programme.

Conditional offer.

This is an offer with one or more conditions attached. An example could be that you are required to achieve a certain academic qualification. Once evidence is received that you have met any conditions your offer to be admitted onto the Programme would be processed.

Entry requirements

There are a number of requirements that you, and your employer, must meet before you can be admitted onto the Programme.

These are split into 3 main areas; Academic, Employment & Experience, and Employer.

Academic Requirements

The Institute requires students to have attained certain academic qualifications to evidence that you have the ability to undertake this level of academic programme. We look to see a certain level (and area) of academic attainment to assure us you have relevant experience in a learning environment at a level comparable to the Dip HE, which is a science-based programme.

Employment & Experience

The Institute asks for Employment requirements to be assured that you will have the access to laboratory environment and support which will enable practical learning outcomes of the Programme to be met. This includes your practical portfolio.

The Institute asks for experience requirements to assure us that you have the basic experience of the dental laboratory environment, equipment and materials to enable teaching of the programme to be effective.

Employer

The Institute has requirements of all applicant employers. These requirements assure us that employers and workplace supervisors understand their role and responsibility within your learning, have the mandatory training in place (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) and that they will support your learning throughout the Programme. We look for fully engaged employers and workplace supervisors who understand the importance of you have clear time available to undertake the programme.

The Employer requirements also allow us to provide University system access to workplace supervisors, which is essential to the successful completion of practical portfolios.

Requirements Summary Table

All application requirements have been summarised in the table below.

Academic Qualification	Evidence	Employment & Experience	Evidence	Employer	Evidence
Two Higher qualifications (Level 6), one in a science subject. * <i>Or</i> Equivalent qualifications at level 7 or above. *Maths is a science subject.	Submission of qualification certificates with application. Breakdown of Further or Higher Education qualifications into component subjects, if required.		Submission of full employment contract with application. FTE clearly visible within employment contract.	Nomination of a suitable qualified workplace supervisor.	Nomination details within Application Form. Internal GDC check of nominated supervisor.
Qualification in English at Nat5 level or above, or equivalence. Any equivalence should be at IELTS6 or above	Submission of qualification certificates with application. Submission of IELTS6 certificate (if applicable)	Employed within MHRA registered Laboratory.	Provision of Evidence via MHRA Number or view of documentation	Agreement to the 3 Party educational agreement	Submission of signed document.
		Satisfactory Workplace visit by member of the Programme Team.	Visit arranged after Interviews.	Submission of University of Aberdeen honorary contract application	Submission of signed application form with CV.
				Workplace supervisor completion of EDI online training	Completion of online EDI training provided by the University of Aberdeen

Required Student Evidence Documents

All documents should be provided in PDF format.

1. Completed Application Form
2. Copy of your employment contract (PDF)
3. Copy of MHR registration for the laboratory in which you are employed (PDF)
4. Qualification certificates (PDF)
5. Copy of your passport (Scan / PDF)
6. IELTS Certificate (if required) (PDF)
7. Employer reference (PDF)

Employer Requirements

The following agreements and honorary contracts are required from Employers and Workplace Supervisors before a space on the Programme is confirmed.

These documents will be sent to Employers and Workplace Supervisors following successful Multiple Mini Interview.

- Completed signed Educational Agreement
- Completed Honorary WPS Supervisor Contract
- Completion of UOAE Quality, Diversity & Inclusion training. Online module