



Theory exams must be taken and passed before an applicant may take their practical exam. Theory exams are provided two times per year. Practical exams are held in the summer months (typically July and August). Applicants may only take their practical exams once in any given year.

The exams set out below are required of all approved applicants.

What are the standard Theory Exams that I have to take?

1. A Jurisprudence Exam
This exam, based on the Health Professions Act, the Dental Technicians Regulation and the Bylaws, is designed to test an applicant's basic knowledge of the current legislation that governs this health profession in BC.
2. A Competency Exam
A three-hour examination that tests entry-level competencies for dental technology. The examination will include questions that test the applicant's knowledge in the following areas:
 - a) Complete Dentures
 - b) Partial Dentures
 - c) Crown & Bridge
 - d) Ceramics
 - e) Orthodontics
 - f) General Science
 - g) Dental Materials
 - h) Lab Equipment & Instruments
 - i) Dental Anatomy
 - j) Safety/infection control

See Required Standards of Competencies for Entry to the Dental Technician Profession – approved 1998.

An applicant passes the Theory Exams when a mark of 65% or over is obtained in each of the Theory Exams.

A jurisprudence seminar may be held prior to the sittings of the Theory Exams, in order to provide applicants with an opportunity to ask questions, and review the Health Professions Act, the Dental Technicians Regulation, and the Bylaws. (Contact the College office for details.)

What Practical Exams do I have to take?

The Practical Examination tests the applicant's ability to understand and follow prescription directions, and their technical competency, time management and organizational skills. The Practical Exams are administered and supervised by the College's Exam Co-ordinator, and are scheduled once a year at Vancouver Community College during the late summer, over the course of a four and one-half-day period. An exact timetable / schedule will be provided to applicants upon approval to sit the Practical Exam.

Applicants are required to successfully complete six (6) assignments demonstrating technical competency in Complete Dentures, Crown & Bridge, Ceramics, Orthodontics and Removable Partial Dentures. Only assignments finished according to the prescription will be marked. Unfinished assignments will not be graded. An applicant passes the Practical Examination when a mark of 65% or over is obtained for each assignment.