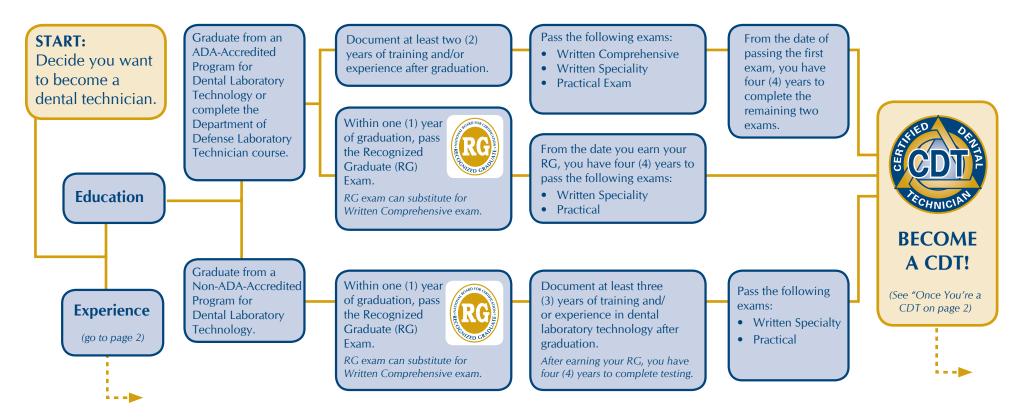


# Your Career Path to Becoming a CDT

Use this flowchart to develop your personal path to becoming a Certified Dental Technician (CDT). The National Board for Certification (NBC) is here to help you each step of the way. Contact the NBC at (800) 684-5310 or visit www.nbccert.org to learn more today!





# All technicians applying for the CDT examination must:

- Have a working knowledge of the English language.
- Be a high school graduate (or the documented equivalent).
- Be of satisfactory ethical and legal standing as defined by the NBC's disciplinary standards.
- Meet the technical prerequisites required for testing.



## **RG** Continuing Education Requirements

In order to maintain your RG status, every year you must earn 6 hours of Continuing Education credits.

- 1 hour Regulatory Standards
- 5 hours of either Scientific or Professional Development

# Your Career Path to Becoming a CDT continued Document at least five (5) years of training and/or experience in dental laboratory technology. Includes formal apprenticeships and training courses. Experience

(from page 1) Document continuing education (CE) and experience in accordance with NBC policy as follows:

- At least four (4) years of experience and 75 hours of CE
- At least three (3) years of experience and 150 hours of CE
- At least two (2) years of experience and 225 hours of CE

Continuing education must meet the following criteria:

- A minimum 1/3 of hours must be approved by NBC, ADA CERP or AGD PACE.
- A maximum 1/3 of hours can be claimed through a mentorship program with a CDT, DMD or DDS.
- A maximum 1/3 of hours can be claimed as self-study.

Pass the following exams:

- Written
   Comprehensive
- Written Speciality
- Practical Exam

From the date of passing the first exam, you have four (4) years to complete the remaining two.

BECOME A CDT!

# Once You're a CDT

# Maintain Your CDT Designation

In order to maintain your designation, every year you must earn 12 hours of Continuing Education credits.

- 1 hour Regulatory Standards
- 6 hours Scientific
- 5 hours Professional Development

### **Become an Examiner:**

Apply with the NBC for this position after earning 10 years experience and at least 2 specialities.

### **Become a Master CDT**

Earn the Master CDT status by passing the following exams in 5 out of the 6 specialty areas:

- Written Specialty Exam
- Practical Exam

# **Apply with NBC for Technologist Designation**

- Must have proof of graduation from an ADA-Accredited dental technology program (including military).
   In Addition, You must have one of the following:
- 5 years practical experience and an Associates degree
- 3 years practical experience and a Bachelors degree
- 7 years practical experience



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