NBC
National Board for Certification in
Dental Laboratory Technology

Digital Workflow CDT Specialty FAQs

- Is this a new certification program or a new CDT specialty?

  Digital Workflow is a new CDT specialty within the existing CDT program. There are now seven specialties recognized by NBC – Ceramics, Complete Dentures, Crown & Bridge, Digital Workflow, Implants, Orthodontics, and Partial Dentures.

- What will testing entail?

  Candidates will need to take and pass all three CDT examinations in order to become certified in Digital Workflow (Written Comprehensive/Recognized Graduate examination, Written Specialty examination in Digital Workflow, and the hands-on Practical examination in Digital Workflow).

- What are the eligibility requirements to obtain a CDT in Digital Workflow?

  Eligibility requirements will be the same as obtaining a CDT in any of the specialties and are as follows:

  - 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

  Please view the Career Path to Becoming a CDT and page 9 of the CDT Handbook & Application for additional information on eligibility requirements.

- When can I get started?

  Candidates may sit for the examinations in any order and all three examinations must be passed within four years of the date that the first examination was passed. With that said, candidates can begin the process by taking the Comprehensive examination as soon as they are ready.

- What will the Digital Workflow examinations cover?

  NBC has finalized a job task outline and a written examination blueprint for the new Digital Workflow CDT specialty. Click here to view the job task outline.

- How much does it cost to obtain a CDT in Digital Workflow?

  The Comprehensive/Recognize Graduate examination and Written Specialty examination are $275 each; the Practical examination is $650. The Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology offers a CDT Pillar Scholarship at www.dentallabfoundation.org/pillar-scholarship.

- I am already a CDT. Can I still get certified in Digital Workflow?

  Certainly! Current CDTs can earn an additional specialty by passing both the Written Specialty and Practical examinations in a given specialty. The CDT renewal requirements are the same regardless of the number of specialties held. Click here for more information on obtaining additional CDT specialties.

- Can the Practical examination be split up over multiple days/logins?

  No. Once a candidate begins the Practical examination, they must complete the examination in one single sitting, at one physical location, and candidates must be on camera for the entire duration of the examination. Candidates have up to 5 and ¼ hours to finish their Practical examination.

- How will I be notified of updates regarding the Digital Workflow CDT specialty?

  Updates will be provided on NBC's news page at www.nbccert.org, NBC's social media at www.facebook.com/nadldlt, the Journal of Dental Technology (JDT) at www.nadl.org/jdt, and other channels such as email blasts and newsletters.

- What if I have additional questions that are not covered in this document?

  Candidates are encouraged to read through the NBC Website at www.nbccert.org and the CDT Handbook & Application. For any additional questions, candidates should contact NBC by phone at (800) 684-5310 or by email at certification@nbccert.org with any questions.