



## DENTURIST PROGRAM

### 2009 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

We are pleased that you are interested in applying for admission to the Vancouver Community College Denturist Program.

NOTE: Admission requirements are reviewed annually and subject to changes each year. You are advised to ensure that you have the most current application package before applying.

#### Important Dates

Applications to the Denturist Program will be accepted after **October 15th, 2008**. All documentation must be submitted (postmarked) by the deadline of **April 3rd, 2009**.

#### Application Procedure

Applicants are advised to submit **only** the required documents. Other documents, e.g., reference letters are not considered.

1. The **2009** Denturist Applications package is available from the Advising Services Department and/or the Registrar's Office at Vancouver Community College, Downtown Campus (604.443.8453) on or after **October 15th, 2008**. Application packages are also available on-line at [www.vcc.ca](http://www.vcc.ca).
2. Applicants who have completed, or have interim marks, i.e. (**high school secondary applicants can submit proof of the "required courses" by submitting an interim transcript**), by **April 3rd, 2009**, and may submit an application. High school secondary applicants will be invited to take a Industrial Psychology International Aptitude Test, however, if accepted selection will be on a conditional status, based on final grade of academic prerequisites.
3. The completed application with a cheque for \$30.00 must be postmarked or delivered to the [Admissions Department](#) by **April 3rd, 2009**. The address is:

Admissions Department  
Vancouver Community College  
Downtown Campus  
250 West Pender Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1S9

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## **Transcripts and Transcript Evaluation**

1. Assessments, evaluations and transcript production can take several weeks or more to complete, and should be initiated well in advance of the College's application deadline date.
2. All transcripts must be **official** and all **must be postmarked** no later than **April 3rd, 2009**. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Registrar's office of your school forwards your official transcript to the Admissions Department by the **April 3rd, 2009** deadline. This is a critical aspect to the completion of your application.
3. Foreign documentation requires a comprehensive Canadian evaluation. The International Credential Evaluation Service can provide this comprehensive evaluation. For an evaluation application and current fee information, [email ICES](mailto:ICES@ICES.ca) or call toll free 1.866.434.9197.

## **Additional Information**

All supporting documentation becomes the property of the College and **will not** be returned and **may not** be applied to any other application. Unsuccessful applicants must reapply and meet all prerequisites.

If for any reason a selected applicant is offered a seat in the class and is not able to accept it, the applicant must reapply for a subsequent intake. **Applicants who are not offered a seat in the current intake need to reapply for subsequent intakes. Seats will not be held for a later intake.**

## **Information Sessions**

Information Sessions are conducted on a regular basis throughout the year to answer your questions regarding the Denturist Program. These sessions will be held in the evening. Please check the website at [www.vcc.ca](http://www.vcc.ca) or contact the Advising Services Department at 604.443.8453 for confirmation of the dates.

## **Prerequisites**

Applications to the Denturist Program will commence on **October 15th, 2008** with all documentation submitted (postmarked) by the deadline of **April 3rd, 2009**. Applications will be available from the Counselling Department and/or Registrar's Office or on-line after **October 15th, 2008**.

### **Step 1**

- A. Complete a VCC Application Form and with it include a \$30 application fee plus:
- B. Transcripts demonstrating completion of Grade 12 graduation, GED, or equivalent.
- C. Academic English 12 with a C+ or better, OR equivalency in the BC Transfer Guide (**See attached sheet for acceptable equivalencies**).  
(Communication 12 and Technical and Professional Communications 12 are not equivalent).
- D. Human Biology 12 with a C+ or better
- E. Math 11 or Physics 11 with a C+ or better
- F. **Completion of a Career Investigation including Summaries of the Observation Sessions.** Each candidate must complete an observation of at least two Denturist Practices ( a minimum of 4 hours in each practice) and complete a Summary of the Observation Session for each.

**If you have foreign documents, your documents must be evaluated by the International Credential Evaluation Service. For an evaluation application and current fee information, [email ICES](#) or call toll free 1.866.434.9197.**

## **Step 2**

Applicants who have met the program prerequisites will be invited to take the Industrial Psychology International Aptitude Test, which will be scheduled for **April and May, 2009**.

The scores in each of the five parts of the aptitude test are averaged to ascertain the cumulative score.

## **Step 3**

The top 8 candidates will be offered seats in the program and be required to make the first semester payment. Once offered a seat in the Program all students must complete and submit a Valid First Aid Certificate that includes Basic C.P.R. training and a negative TB skin test and/or chest x-ray is required. This must be submitted by **August 3rd, 2009**.

**This First Aid Certificate must be maintained throughout the program.**

- NOTE:**
- 1. After completion of a post graduate externship/clinic experience graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination of the College of Denturists of B.C.**
  - 2. The College of Denturists of BC requires that a criminal records check be done for licensure with that College. If this is a concern, applicants are encouraged to contact that College, prior to, or during the application process. Their phone number is 604.515.0533 and their website address is [www.cd.bc.ca](http://www.cd.bc.ca).**



## **Deadlines**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE POST MARKED OR DELIVERED TO THE ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT AT DOWNTOWN CAMPUS BY:

- 1. Completed VCC Application Form April 3rd, 2009**
- 2. Official transcript of completed courses April 3rd, 2009**
- 3. Two Career Investigation Reports April 3rd, 2009**
- 4. First Aid Certificate - after being offered August 3rd, 2009 a seat in the program.**



## CAREER INVESTIGATION REPORT

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As one of the prerequisites to the Denturist program, candidates are expected to spend time in at least two Denturist practices which should include a minimum of 4 hours in each practice. Please complete this form and have it signed by the supervising Registered Denturist. Then complete the Summary Report of your observations for each Denturist practice and submit both this form and the two Summaries to the Admissions Department at Vancouver Community College.

A. Office # 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Denturist: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of observation \_\_\_\_\_ Time spent in

office \_\_\_\_\_ hours

B. Office # 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Denturist \_\_\_\_\_

Date of observation \_\_\_\_\_ Time spent in

office \_\_\_\_\_ hours

## **SUMMARY OF THE OBSERVATION SESSION:**

**This summary must be submitted on separate paper and must be word-processed. It must include but is not limited to the following information: Applicants are encouraged to explore this industry and choose a lab to complete the observation report.**

- What patient care procedures did you observe?
- What laboratory procedures did you observe?
- What is the scope of practice of a Denturist?
- What types of communication strategies did you observe between the Denturist and the patient?
- What are some personal characteristics that you feel would be preferable for a Denturist to possess that would be a benefit related to providing services to the Public?
- What is the approximate income for Denturists?
- What are the demands placed upon a practising Denturist?
- What health hazards, concerns are relevant to the practice of Denturology?
- What characteristics do you possess that you believe would contribute to your success both as a student as well as a Denturist?
- What are the demands of registration, licensure, and continuing education with the regulatory College of Denturists of BC?



## LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN THE DENTAL SCIENCES?

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE offers two-year diploma programs for individuals seeking a career in the dental profession. Applications are currently being accepted for the September intake of the Dental Technology and the Denturist programs. If you are currently in Grade 12 (graduating in June) it is recommended that you apply prior to the deadline (transcripts can be provided at a later date).

The Dental Technology Program is based on the integration of provincial standards with the educational model of assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation. These components are interdependent and integrated throughout the education and practice of a dental technician. The curriculum of the program identifies the related knowledge to support the scope of practice and philosophy of the Dental Technology Profession. The scope of practice of a Dental Technician includes the design, fabrication, modification and repair of fixed prostheses (crowns and bridges) removable complete and partial dentures and appliances for orthodontics, oral maxillo-facial surgery and devices for other dental specialties.

Admission to the program is via a competitive selection basis.

The Denturist Program provides a curriculum that supports the scope of practice and philosophy of the denturist profession including a focus on the basic and behavioral sciences. The scope of practice of a denturist includes designing, manufacturing, fitting and maintaining complete dentures, partial dentures and dentures over implants. Denturists are usually sole proprietors, owning and operating their own business. Denturists, in addition to providing clinical denture services to the public, most often also do the related lab work.

Admission to the program is via a competitive selection basis.

For additional information about the programs you can contact Dr. Keith Milton, DMD, Department Head, Dental Technology/Denturist Programs 604.443.8501 or [kmilton@vcc.ca](mailto:kmilton@vcc.ca).