

## Job Summary

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### **Dental Laboratory Aid & Technician GS-683**

**Job summary** Dental Laboratory Aid and Technician positions involve technical work in the fabrication and repair of dental prosthetic appliances on prescription of a dentist. This work requires a technical knowledge of dental anatomy and skill in the use of dental laboratory materials and equipment.

**Education: depends on G-S level – 3 or 4 or 5 or 6.**

**For GS-3:** Successful completion of the first full year (9 months) of the 2-year program of study and training in dental technology in a school for dental laboratory technicians approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association.

**For GS-4:** Successful completion of a full 2-year program (18 months) of study and training in dental technology as described above for GS-3.

**For GS-5:** Successful completion of an approved apprenticeship program consisting of at least 2000 hours a year for 3 years.

**For GS-6:** Successful completion of a full 4-year apprenticeship program consisting of at least 2000 hours a year.

The successful completion of training courses in dental laboratory work in the Armed Forces or other Federal agencies will be allowed appropriate credit for specialized experience on a month-for-month basis up through GS-5.

Licensed professional dentists will be considered qualified for any grade level if they have, in the aggregate, the required experience in dental laboratory procedures epidemiology, or industrial hygiene **OR**

Combination of education and experience -- at least 12 semester hours of course work in chemistry, including organic chemistry, and 18 additional semester hours as specified in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

**Licenses or Certificates** None

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