

INFORMATION FOR SPONSORING DENTISTS

General Information

You have been approached to be a sponsoring dentist for a participant wanting to take the Prosthodontic Module. You perform prosthodontics on a regular basis as part of your dental practice. As a sponsoring dentist, you need to clearly understand your role in providing the participant with opportunities to learn prosthodontic information and practice skills required for successful completion of the module. The participant may or may not be your employee.

Please read the following information and then, if you are able to fully support the participant, sign the attached sponsoring dentist agreement form and return it to the participant. The form must be completed and returned to the participant's educational institution as part of the application process for the prosthodontic courses. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BC licensed dental assistants and dental hygienists are eligible to take the Prosthodontic Module. Successful completion of the module allows LDAs and DHs to perform the following five delegated procedures:

- Fabricating and trying-in provisional restorations intra-orally, including intra-coronal direct provisions, and adjusting occlusion extra-orally, followed by assessment by a dentist before cementation;
- Temporary cementation of provisional restorations and removal of temporary cement followed by assessment by a dentist;
- Performing non-surgical gingival retraction techniques excluding the use of epinephrine;
- Removing temporary and permanent cements using an appropriate hand instrument and excluding the use of dental handpieces;
- Removing provisional restorations.

The Prosthodontic Module is comprised of two courses: ***Provisional Prosthodontic Theory*** and ***Provisional Prosthodontic Clinical***. The theory course must be completed first, followed by the clinical. You need to commit to supporting the student through both of these courses.

Provisional Prosthodontic Theory

The participant starts the module by taking the Provisional Prosthodontic Theory course, which is designed to provide all the background knowledge required to perform the delegated prosthodontic procedures. If you would like specific information on content, please contact individual LDA schools.

The course contains 14 practice exercises that the participant must perform in the dental office. These exercises require you, as the sponsoring dentist, to provide time, materials, and opportunities for the participant to assist during prosthodontic procedure. Dialogue with the dentist will also enhance the participant's learning. The practice exercises give participants a chance to apply knowledge to a dental skill, and prepares them for the Provisional Prosthodontic Clinical course. They are not permitted to perform any of the prosthodontic delegated procedures until they have completed the clinical course. You, as a sponsoring dentist, will not be involved in the theory evaluation. However, for your information, this consists of a case study assignment and a formal written examination.

Upon successful completion of the theory, the participant goes on to take the Provisional Prosthodontic clinical course.

Provisional Prosthodontic Clinical

The clinical course is designed for 32 hours of instruction.

In the clinical course, participants apply knowledge from the theory course and experience from your office to learn the delegated procedures. They are evaluated on each procedure in a simulated environment and complete a total of fifteen practical assignments at the clinic.

*****In order to have participants gain real experience with patients, they need to return from the clinical course to your office and perform, under close supervision, all the delegated prosthodontic procedures. The participant will have ten practical assignments that must be completed in the office. Most participants are required to complete the procedures for at least one provisional crown and one provisional three-unit fixed partial denture, as well as an intra-coronal provisional. **It is recommended that patients be selected and scheduled for the participant as soon after the clinical course as possible - a maximum of three months is given for completion of the post-clinical dental assignments.**

You need to work with the participant, reinforcing learning and validating that he or she can perform the skills to a basic level of competence, according to standard criteria provided by the institution. Once the assignments have been successfully completed and submitted to the institution, the participant will be recommended to the governing body to receive the prosthodontic designation on their registration. Your role in this learning process is critical for the participant. You are not required to teach basics, but rather to reinforce, refine skills, and validate competence.

The participant is also encouraged to continue learning through practice, continuing education courses, dental literature, and study clubs. Thank you for your support.

Course Withdrawal

Refund requests must be made at least 5 business days prior to the course start date. Students may withdraw by phone, email, mail or in person.