

## Denturist education

- \* Bates Technical College is a six semester associates degree program
  - Located in Tacoma, Washington, USA
  - Only accredited college in the United States to offer denturist training program
  
- \* George Brown College is a three-year accredited denturist training program
  - Located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
  - Training includes
    - ♦ Treatment planning
    - ♦ Design
    - ♦ Fabrication and fitting of complete partials and dentures
    - ♦ Immediate and implant supported dentures
    - ♦ Practical clinical procedures

## Courses

- \* Denturist program curriculum for Bates and George Brown College includes
  - Orofacial anatomy
  - Physiology
  - Microbiology
  - Embryology
  - Histology
  - Oral pathology
  - Infection control
  - Pharmacology
  - Emergency care
  - Ethics/Jurisprudence
  - Nutrition
  - Gerontology
  - Radiology
  - Periodontology
  - Denture laboratory technology
  - Practical /Clinical procedures
  
- \* Bates Technical College
  - <http://www.bates.ctc.edu/page.asp?view=153>
  
- \* George Brown College
  - <http://www.georgebrown.ca/Marketing/FTCal/hsci/S101.aspx>

## Denturists: Alternative Healthcare Providers for Oral Health Screenings and Referrals

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## What is a Denturist

- \* Licensed Oral Healthcare Professional
- \* Provides referral services
- \* Provides denture care
- \* Works independently with patient

## Services Include

- \* Consultation
- \* Oral health exam
- \* New dentures
- \* Relines
- \* Repairs
- \* Denture adjustments
- \* Denture teeth replacements

## Service Intervention

- \* Shortage of dentists
  - Retirement
  - Shortage of dental schools
- \* Accessibility
  - Economical barrier
  - Rural care
- \* Safe Delivery System
  - Qualified
  - Reliable
  - Educated

## Benefits of a Denturist

- \* Alleviates dental work-force shortages
- \* Frees up valuable chair time for procedures
  - Restorative
  - Cosmetic
  - Emergency Dental Care
  - Children
- \* Promotes oral healthcare
- \* Regulated in six states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Arizona and Maine

## Oral Health Care Service

- \* Surgeon General's Call to Action
- \* Raising awareness
  - Patients
  - Legislators
  - Public officials
  - Healthcare professionals
- \* Wellness
- \* Service to all segments of the public

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