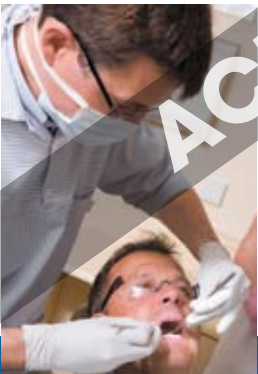


Top 10 Reasons to Become a Prosthodontist

10. Combine the art and science of dentistry.
9. Achieve esthetic excellence.
8. Become a renowned opinion leader.
7. Know and apply cutting-edge technology.
6. Grow with future opportunities.
5. Gain a rewarding lifestyle.
4. Become a single care provider.
3. Be part of the heart of dentistry.
2. Develop into a diagnostic expert.
1. Become a recognized specialist with master skills to treat complex patients.

Prosthodontics is at the heart of dental practice, education and scientific research. Specialized training in prosthodontics can provide you with the advanced knowledge and skills to work in the best environment and gain the greatest rewards from your life's commitment.



Additional Resources

1. Become a predoctoral or graduate student member of the American College of Prosthodontists and continue to explore prosthodontic careers. To learn more, visit ACP at www.prosthodontics.org.
2. Seek the advice of a prosthodontist who belongs to the ACP, either on the faculty of your dental school or a local private practitioner. He or she will be glad to share personal experiences and the benefits of a career in prosthodontics.
3. Contact the American College of Prosthodontists for further assistance:

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What is a Prosthodontist?

Dental specialists in implant, esthetic and reconstructive dentistry, prosthodontists have completed dental school and three additional years of specialty training in a full-time, postgraduate education program accredited by the American Dental Association. This expanded dental education allows prosthodontic students to gain the highest knowledge and skill level in diagnosis, planning and treatment.

Focused on managing and providing the highest quality of patient care outcomes, prosthodontists assist patients with:

- Esthetics
- Dental implant care—simple to the most complex
- Restoration and replacement of missing teeth
- Tooth wear and/or attrition
- Full mouth reconstruction
- Loss of vertical dimension
- Comprehensive treatment planning in multi-specialty areas
- Knowledge and application of emerging clinical science and technologies
- Congenital, acquired or trauma-induced oral defects
- Loss of bone and/or soft tissues
- Diagnosis and treatment of Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) disorders
- Problems with snoring or sleep disorders

Prosthodontics is one of the nine dental specialties recognized by the ADA.

Limitless Opportunities

Private Practice

Most prosthodontists enter into private practice—a career choice that is incredibly rewarding. Prosthodontists provide comprehensive patient care, while serving as the leader of the oral health care team. Prosthodontists can also serve as single care providers in a broad range of therapies such as implant placement and restorations used to replace missing teeth.

Academic

Prosthodontics is at the heart of dental education. About 30 to 40 percent of the clinical educational curriculum for most schools is focused on prosthodontics. More than 1,000 prosthodontists teach either part or full-time.

The advanced training that prosthodontists receive prepares them ideally for pursuit of a part or full-time academic career. It provides individuals with higher academic appointments, salaries and opportunities for advancement.

Science

Prosthodontics embraces a wide range of the biological and physical sciences. Career opportunities include graduate degrees (master's and doctorate) in a broad range of scientific disciplines from molecular biology to engineering. Coupled with advanced clinical training in prosthodontics, graduate training prepares individuals with the most advanced knowledge and skills to pursue a science career. The result provides unique opportunities in industry and academics.

The Future of Prosthodontics

Patient demographics make it clear that demand for prosthodontic services will continue to increase in the coming decades. Approximately 178 million adult Americans are partially edentulous and 35 million are completely edentulous. These numbers are projected to increase in the next 20 years. Fewer than 4,000 prosthodontists are actively practicing in the United States.

Both the U.S. Department of Labor and Forbes.com have ranked prosthodontics as one of the Top 10 highest paying jobs in the United States. However, this statistic does not fully reflect the satisfying rewards of a career in the care and treatment of patients as a prosthodontist.

Advances in science and technology, as well as the expansion of dental implant care will ensure that prosthodontists will continue to be best positioned to lead and apply the most current science and technologies for patient care.

