

Oral Health Therapist

What Does an Oral Health Therapist Do?

Oral Health Therapists work in conjunction with a dentist to diagnose and treat diseases, injuries and abnormalities of primarily the teeth and gums. Oral Health Therapists primarily treat and diagnose dental decay and gum diseases with a strong preventative focus.

What do I study to become an Oral Health Therapist?

To become an Oral Health Therapist a Bachelor of Oral Health must be completed. Usually this is a three year fulltime degree. Most universities accept applicants based on a combination of their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and interviews.

What sort of person should I be?

- Good communication skills
- Have concern for the general health of the community
- Concentration skills
- Ability to deal with occasional conflict situations
- Empathetic
- Willingness to relate to people from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds
- Good eye-hand coordination and ability to do precise and detailed work

Career Opportunities

- Private practice
- Public dental clinic
- Teaching and research