

Item A

PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE IN THE RULES OF THE DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Current Rule (with deletions ~~struck through~~ and additions in **bold**)

4.2.6.4.3 Dental Laboratory Technology

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- B May be given to applicants with a GPA of 2.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale on all college work consisting of at least 12 semester credit hours of courses numbered 100 or above.
- C Will be given to Kentucky residents.

An applicant may be admitted prior to the published application deadline if, in addition to completing the application process, the student has earned a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale on 12 or more semester hours of college credit in courses numbered 100 or above.

A student who withdraws from ~~or earns lower than a grade of 'C'~~ in a Dental Laboratory Technology course will not be permitted to continue in the program. **A student must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0 (on 4.0 scale) for all of the Dental Laboratory Technology courses and a C or better in the Advanced Specialty Lab Techniques course in order to continue with the program. No more than 8 hours of D may be calculated in the required cumulative GPA of 2.0.** A student who does not meet the Technical Standards of the program will not be permitted to continue in the program.

Dependent upon available resources, students may be readmitted to the program if they meet current requirements for admission to program, submit a written request to the program coordinator and submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the program by the published deadline.

Revised Rule

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Rationale/Justification

This change would allow a student to continue in the program if they maintain at least an overall "C" average in the dental laboratory technology courses rather than a "C" in each course. The old rule required that a student be dropped from the program if they earn even one "D" in a program course. The change would mirror the dental technology business in that most dental technicians specialize in one or two areas rather than being proficient in everything. A student with more than 8 hours of D will not be permitted to continue in the program

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Approved by the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards and the University Senate Council with several amendments agreed to by the unit. Recommended to the Senate for approval.

Implementation: Fall, 2002