

**AFSC 47P4\* Staff**  
**AFSC 47P3\* Qualified**  
**AFSC 47P1\* Entry**

**★PROSTHODONTIST**  
**(Changed 31 Oct 23)**

**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines and diagnoses disabilities incident to loss of teeth and supporting structures; formulates and executes treatment plans for the construction of corrective prostheses to restore proper mastication, phonetics and facial contour. Directs prosthodontic service. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260308.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 2.1. Examines and diagnoses disabilities caused by loss of teeth and supporting structures; formulates and executes treatment plan for construction of corrective prostheses. Examines patients to determine requirement and type of dental prosthesis. Analyzes jaw relationships and movement and formulates required treatment plan. Constructs removable, fixed, and maxillofacial prosthodontic restorations. Provides consultation services.
- 2.2. Directs the prosthodontic service. Formulates and implements procedures governing the operation of the prosthodontic service including dental laboratory. Determines personnel, equipment, material, and facility requirements for the operation of the prosthodontic service. Plans work assignments for prosthodontists, technical assistants, and laboratory technicians for treating patients and constructing prosthodontic restorations. Coordinates prosthodontic service with other dental and medical services. Instructs dental officers, technical assistants, and laboratory technicians in prosthodontic procedures and techniques.

**3. ★Specialty Qualification:**

- 3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of the education and training requirements satisfy this requirement.
- 3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from an American Dental Association accredited college or university is mandatory.
- 3.3. Training. For award of AFSC 47P3, completion of a residency in prosthodontics, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.
- 3.4. Experience. Not used.
- 3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:
  - 3.5.1. For entry and retention of AFSCs 47P1X, current enrollment in a prosthodontics residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 47P3X/4X:
    - 3.5.2.1. For award of AFSC 47P3X, completion of an additional residency or fellowship program related to the suffix and acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.
    - 3.5.2.2. ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, *Medical Quality Operations* (or be immediately eligible for privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position).
    - 3.5.2.3. ★A state license to practice dentistry IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, or
      - 3.5.2.3.1. Must be fully qualified, have passed Part I and II of the National Board, passed regional/state licensure exam, and have/applied for license (ready to work), or
      - 3.5.2.3.2. HPSP/FAP officers must have passed Part I and Part II of the National Board, have taken a regional/state licensure exam prior to entering active duty, and
      - 3.5.2.3.3. License must be obtained within 365 days of arrival at first permanent duty station.
      - 3.5.2.3.4. Residents have 18 months to obtain licensure.
    - 3.5.2.4. ★For retention of AFSCs 47P3X/4X, must not have a revocation of privileges or permanent and substantial reduction, restriction, or denial of privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119.

**4. \*Specialty Shredouts**

*Suffix      Portion of AFS to Which Related*

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| A | Maxillofacial Prosthetics |
| B | Area Dental Laboratory    |
| C | Dental Materials          |