PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
This program for the dental laboratory technician will focus on new digital technologies for the fabrication of patient-specific CAD/CAM abutments for implant-supported restorations with the BellaTek® Encode® Impression System. The benefits of becoming an Encode Empowered Laboratory will be explored including scan and design control, reduced turnaround times, access to proprietary software for abutment design, abutment material flexibility, and cost effective milling options. The communication between the restorative dentist and commercial dental laboratory will be discussed, including the workflow starting from data capture with an intraoral scanner, through abutment design and fabrication of the restoration.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:
At the completion of the program, participants should be able to:
• Learn about new digital technologies available for fabricating patient specific implant-supported restorations.
• Learn about CAD/CAM abutment design using the BellaTek Encode Impression System.
• Understand how to incorporate new workflows for digital technologies into the dental laboratory.
• Understand the benefits of being an Encode Empowered Laboratory for design control and efficient workflows.

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