

DENTAL NURSE

Apprenticeship

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Key Information

Level	3
Duration	24 months
Entry requirements	16 years or over. The requirement will be decided by each employer, but usually five GCSEs are required
Delivery	A minimum of 30 hours of on the job training at work place per week including a day/ block release to study theory at our Uxbridge/ Hayes/ Harrow campus
Typical job titles	Dental Nurse/ Trainee Dental Nurse/ Dental Nurse with Reception Duties/ Orthodontic Nurse/ Dental Nurse Apprentice
Key responsibilities	One of the primary roles is to provide chair side support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care. Dental Nurses may work in a variety of clinical environments and the Apprenticeship reflects all aspects of clinical responsibilities and duties of a dental nurse's role.
Qualifications	A qualification which has been approved by the General Dental Council, a requirement for entry to the professional register
Progression	On completion of this apprenticeship the apprentice can register with the General Dental Council as a qualified Dental Nurse. Experienced dental nurses may train to become Dental Hygienist or Dental Therapist. The Level 3 Dental Nursing qualification has been awarded 24 UCAS points, this coupled with relevant work experience and other qualifications will contribute to further progression opportunities in related fields/Higher Education.

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Government funding may be available. Eligibility and criteria apply

Employers involved in creating this standard:

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Modules and Content Summary

Knowledge	What is required?
Dental and regional anatomy	A thorough understanding of dental / oral anatomy and physiology
Respiratory and circulatory systems	How to recognise the range and functions of normal human structures
Health promotion and disease prevention	The basic principles of a population health care approach, including oral and general health care. Factors that can affect oral and general health care.
Transmission of infectious diseases and their prevention	The potential routes of transmission of infectious agents in a dental environment and mechanisms for the prevention of infection
Materials , equipment and resources	How to select correct equipment, materials and instruments for all stages during general chair side procedures
Medical Emergencies	The role of the first aider and understanding of equipment, record keeping, recommended good practice and maintaining hygiene throughout
Legislative compliance and regulatory requirements	The appropriate Health and Safety guidance related to the dental environment and equipment, and how to follow these, including maintenance requirements of equipment and resources
The Dental team and GDC guidelines	A thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Dental Nurse and other Dental Care Professionals involved in patient management.
Communication	The methods of communicating with patients, the dental team and members of the wider health care sector
Self-management	Understand principles relating to evidence based approaches to learning, clinical and professional practice and decision making.
Skills	What is required?
Health Promotion	Support members of the dental health care team in the delivery of health care advice and preventative support
Clinical skills	Prepare records, equipment and resources for all stages of treatment including dental radiography. Work in a safe and efficient manner
Patient Care	Recognise and take into account the needs of different patients throughout the patient care process
Patient Management	Put patients' interests first and act to protect them. Act as an advocate for patients' where appropriate
Professionalism	Act without discrimination, show integrity and be trustworthy at all times. Be respectful of patients' dignity and choices
Management Skills	Manage own performance and development. Manage the clinical environment within own scope of practice
Communication Skills	Implement correct methods of communication for spoken, written and electronic records.
Behaviour	What is required?
Professional	Reliability, working to high standards. A commitment to excellent customer service Effective time management and self-management Appropriate use and storage of confidential information
Commitment	A caring approach toward patients and colleagues A commitment to striving for the best at all times
Responsible	Take responsibility for own actions and act in accordance with GDC Standards. Act and raise concerns as described in the Principles of Raising Concerns.
Reflection and Self Awareness	Awareness of own impact and influence when working with others. An awareness of how to get the best from each individual
Ethical	Commitment to the General Dental Council Standards for the Dental Team.