

LEVEL 3 DENTAL NURSE

The Dental Nurse's role complements the role of other dental professionals. One of the primary roles is to provide chairside support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care.

Dental Nurses may work in various clinical environments, and the Apprenticeship reflects all aspects of the clinical responsibilities and duties of a dental nurse's role. It will provide the apprentice with the relevant qualifications to apply to the General Dental Council (GDC) for professional registration as a dental nurse.

DELIVERY OVER 18 MONTHS

INDUCTION

One day induction to apprenticeship programme, meeting with a Skills Coach and delivery plan agreed.

IN COLLEGE

One workshop and workbased session a month for the duration of Programme.

ONLINE

Access learning materials 24/7 via Smart Assessor - your online learning environment

ASSESSMENT

On programme assessments every 6-8 weeks, including progress reviews every 8-10 weeks.

END POINT ASSESSMENT

- A practical assessment
- Oral questioning

Gateway

- Achieved a qualification which has been approved by the General Dental Council as meeting the requirements for entry to the professional register
- Achieved Level 2 English and Maths

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/BEHAVIOURS

Knowledge

- Understanding of dental/oral anatomy and physiology
- How to recognise the range and functions of typical human structures
- The basic principles of a population oral and general health care approach.
- Factors that can affect oral health care.
- A clear understanding of the role of dental professionals and healthcare teams

- The delivery of oral health care information to encourage patient self-care and motivation

Skills

- Advise patients on oral health maintenance
- Support members of the dental health care team in delivering health care advice and preventative support
- Recognise and comply with national guidance and best practices, and acknowledge local health initiatives.

Behaviours

- Reliability, working to high standards
- A commitment to excellent customer service
- Effective time management and self-management
- Appropriate use and storage of confidential information
- A caring approach toward patients and colleagues
- A commitment to striving for the best at all time

QUALIFICATION

Work towards a qualification which has been approved by the General Dental Council as meeting the requirements for entry to the professional register

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Maths and English GCSE Grades 9 - 2; A* - E; Functional Skills Entry Level 3 or initial assessment results at Entry Level 3.

PROGRESSION

Dental Therapist, Dental Hygienist