

DENTAL NURSE APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3

WHY YOU?

The Dental Nurse role complements the role of other dental professionals. 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 and will provide the apprentice with the relevant qualification to apply to the General Dental Council (GDC) for professional registration as a dental nurse.



DURATION: 18 months.

TRAINING LOCATION: Blackburn, Carlisle or Online learning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A minimum of two GCSE at grade 4 (C) or above in Maths and English is essential. A pleasant disposition, good communication skills, the ability to remain calm and maintain confidentiality is also required.

OUR OFFER INCLUDES:

- Flexible delivery comprising of knowledge and tutorial workshops for development and support, this comprises of one day classroom delivery or work based learning
- Access learning on e-portfolio
- Awarding body registration and certification
- Assessor visits

EMPLOYER BENEFITS:

- Highly skilled employees with globally recognised qualifications
- Engaged, knowledgeable and driven employees
- An excellent recruitment service to match your job role with the right applicant
- Regular reviews for behaviour, development and welfare of the learner

LEARNER BENEFITS:

- Motivated, challenged and engaged learners, linking knowledge to their job roles
- Excellent career advice and guidance
- Progression to Higher / Degree Apprenticeships and highly skilled roles
- An increase in potential earnings, working whilst studying

COURSE DETAILS

It comprises of a Level 3 Standard including a Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing followed by the end-point assessment (EPA). Within the [Dental Nursing Pathway](#), the standards are split into three key areas at the end of your Apprenticeship, you will have the knowledge, skills and behaviours listed below:

KNOWLEDGE - THE DENTAL NURSE WILL HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Know and understand the General Dental Council Scope of Practice and Standards for the Dental Team for your role as a dental nurse and that of others in the team
- Know and understand legislation, policy and procedures related to your role as a dental nurse
- Know and understand the wider dental and healthcare system that dental nurses work in
- Know and understand the principles relating to evidence-based approaches to learning, clinical, professional practice and decision-making
- Know and understand the basic principles of a population healthcare approach including safeguarding, oral and general healthcare and your duty of care
- Know and understand how to raise concerns as described in the current General Dental Council guidance
- Know and understand dental and regional anatomy
- Know and understand the respiratory and circulatory system
- Know and understand legal and ethical responsibilities involved in protecting and promoting the health of individual patients
- Know and understand duty of candour
- Know and understand the principals of preventative dentistry
- Know and understand a range of communication methods, including verbal and non-verbal, listening skills, being aware of the barriers to communication and of how to check you have been understood
- Know and understand the importance of maintaining confidentiality and protecting all data relating to patients and their treatment
- Know and understand the importance of gaining patient consent
- Know and understand the equipment, instruments and materials used to provide chair side support to dental professionals, and operate in the clinical environment
- Know and understand how to assess, reduce and manage risks as outlined in current best practice guidelines
- Know and understand how to raise concerns that affect the running of the clinical environment inline with local policy and procedures
- Know and understand the potential routes of transmission of infectious agents in dental practice
- Know and understand the mechanisms for the prevention of infection
- Know and understand the scientific principles of decontamination and disinfection and the irrelevance to health & safety
- Know and understand local infection control protocols and your own responsibilities
- Know and understand the appropriate materials for different treatments
- Know and understand how to prepare materials in line with manufacturers recommendations
- Know and understand Health & Safety legislation relating to dental materials and other medication
- Know and understand the importance of maintaining accurate and current patient records in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements
- Know and understand the principles of information governance
- Know and understand the scientific principles of medical ionising radiation
- Know and understand the statutory regulations in relation to radiography
- Know and understand the different types of radiographs used in dentistry including how to process and store them
- Know and understand contributing factors that can impact on oral and general health
- Know and understand a range of conditions that could contribute to medical emergencies
- Know and understand the principles of First aid in the workplace
- Know and understand the regulatory requirements regarding documentation of medical emergencies and first aid incidents
- Know and understand your own competence and limitations in dealing with medical emergencies
- Know and understand ways to maintain your professional knowledge and competence including reflecting on your own practice
- Know and understand the importance of appraisal, training and ongoing review including ways to give and receive feedback
- Know and understand the consequences of own professional actions, attitudes and behaviours and their effect on own registration, other registrants, the dental team, the workplace and public opinion
- Know and understand audit and quality improvement processes
- Know and understand health and safety policy related to your role as a dental nurse
- Know and understand the importance of maintaining your own network of dental professionals and other stakeholders involved in the care and support of patients

SKILLS - THE DENTAL NURSE WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Adhere to legal and ethical responsibilities in line with General Dental Council requirements
- Take responsibility for the integrity of own actions and completed work, recognising the limits of your competence and experience
- Comply with current best practice guidelines
- Put patients' interests first and act to protect them by working in a patient-centred way
- Effectively manage own time and resources
- Provide chair side support during dental procedures
- Monitor, support and reassure patients throughout all aspects of their treatment, ensuring patient-centred care
- Communicate appropriately, effectively and sensitively at all times and through all media
- Respect patients' dignity and choices and act without discrimination
- Check that valid consent is obtained for all treatments and personal care delivery
- Maintain patient confidentiality at all times
- Work in the clinical environment in a safe and efficient manner
- Select and prepare the correct equipment, instruments and materials
- Carry out and record maintenance and testing of equipment in line with local policy, procedures and the scope of your own role
- Manage and perform effective decontamination and infection control procedures complying with legislative, local and current best practice guidelines
- Mix, handle, store and dispose of materials in line with manufacturers recommendations
- Create and update accurate and current patient records, including social, medical and dental history, storing and archiving them securely and in line with legislation
- Carry out processing of radiographs in line with local procedures and rules
- Make effective decisions regarding the safety of patients when taking a radiograph
- Deliver appropriate and current evidence-based oral and general health advice
- Recognise and support action to

- deal with medical emergencies
- Respond to medical emergencies and be competent in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Take part in appraisal and ongoing review processes
- Take part in continuous professional development activities
- Reflect on how your daily practice complies with the General Dental Council requirements for continual improvement
- Comply with personal development planning as specified by the General Dental Council
- Participate in quality improvement activities as required
- Be collaborative and work as part of the team

BEHAVIOURS - THE DENTAL NURSE WILL DEMONSTRATE:

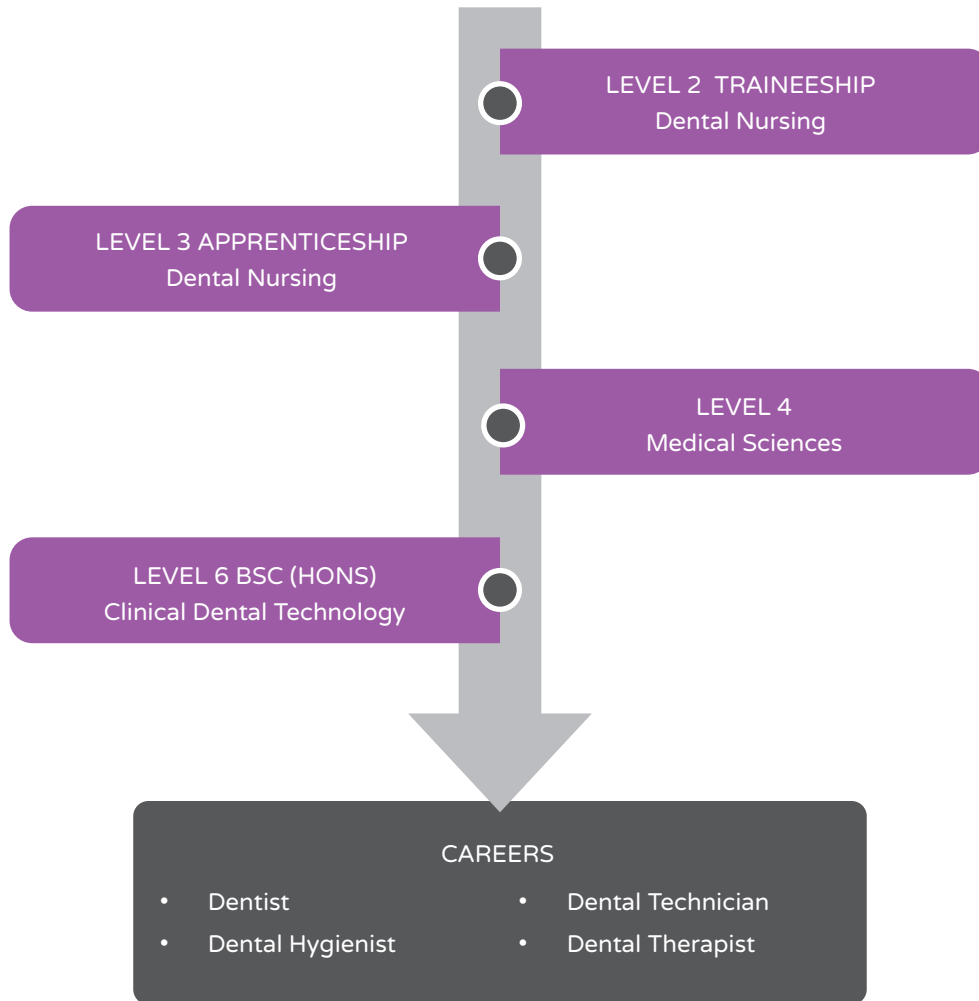
- Act in a manner consistent with the GDC standards for the dental team which include communication, professionalism, teamwork and clinical skills
- Act in a non-discriminatory manner respecting diversity and upholding the rights, dignity and autonomy of others

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

On completion of this Apprenticeship the apprentice can register with the General Dental Council as a qualified Dental Nurse.

YOUR APPRENTICESHIP CAREER PATH

Below is an example career path showing how you can progress up to a Level 6 qualification. At the end of every qualification you have the option to leave your education and progress with your career - you don't need to study up to level 6.



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