

DENTAL NURSING APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3

EMPLOYER TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIPS

For new or existing staff

This apprenticeship standard is an excellent route to train as a dental nurse and to achieve the qualified standard required by the General Dental Council (GDC). Dental nurses provide support to dentists, dental therapists, hygienists and technicians. This apprenticeship offers the opportunity to learn in a structured learning environment whilst simultaneously learning in the workplace. Learners will gain valuable hands on experience, making a significant contribution to a dental practice.

Qualification

City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing

Completers may want to progress to Other dental team roles, such as dental therapy and hygiene or related health roles such as nursing and radiology, oral health promotion and training/ educator roles.

Delivery model and duration:

Group college delivery will take place once a month at our Cheltenham campus. Assessment will take place in the workplace (the number of visits will vary depending on each individual)

Duration: 18 months plus 3 months for End Point Assessment

Ideal for:

- Individuals pursuing a career in Dental Nursing
- Those who wish to obtain professional registration with the GDC

Benefits to business:

- Your apprentice will have more time in the workplace due to a structured learning timetable
- Apprentices benefit from peer support learning in College delivery
- Suitable for new and existing staff members
- At GC, we offer a free apprentice recruitment should you decide to recruit an apprentice
- Train individuals in the specific skills they need to prosper and become an asset to your business

- Individuals working in other areas of dentistry such as orthodontics, cosmetic surgery and specialised services

Entry Criteria:

- GCSEs in English and maths grade 9 - 4 or A* - C

Benefits for learners:

- A structured learning environment with high quality teaching and in-class support on campus
- Access to Gloucestershire College's resources and learning support
- Networking opportunities in-class learning collaboratively with peers
- GC prepares learners for the end point assessment with a number of mock talks, to instil confidence in students and assist them in achieving Distinction rather than a standard pass

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Components

English and maths Functional
Skills Level 2

End Point Assessment

The End Point Assessment will test the entire standard and be undertaken as follows:

- Knowledge Test - 45 multiple choice questions in 90 minutes under invigilated exam conditions
- Observation of Practice - 60 minute observation in practice followed by a 15 minute Q&A session to check knowledge & understanding relating to the skills and behaviours observed.
- Interview underpinned by a portfolio - 45 minute interview formed by the portfolio of evidence gathered and submitted at gateway

Unit	Overview
Preparing for professional practice in dental nursing	This unit will introduce the roles and responsibilities of a dental nurse, and the essential attributes and behaviours required to work within the legislative framework in this professional role.
The impact of health and safety legislation on working practices in the dental setting	This unit introduces learners to the health and safety legislation relevant to the dental setting. This includes the understanding of policies and procedures, and the application of safe working practices in the workplace.
Prevention and control of infection in the dental setting	The aim of this unit is for learners to develop an understanding of the principles of infection control within a dental setting.
Dental and regional anatomy, oral health assessments and treatment planning	This unit introduces learners to dental and regional anatomy. The unit then focuses on preparing the dental environment and supporting the operator during an oral health assessment.
Recognising and supporting actions during first aid medical emergencies	The aim of this unit is for learners to demonstrate underpinning knowledge and skills to enable the recognition of medical emergencies and to support effective first aid and treatment of medical emergencies.
The safe use of ionising radiation to produce quality radiographic images	The aim of the unit is to enable the learner to develop the knowledge and skills needed to carry out their duties relating to dental radiography.
Provide support for the control of periodontal disease and caries, and the restoration of cavities	This unit will enable learners to gain the knowledge and skills required to prepare the clinical environment and assist with various periodontal and restorative procedures to provide appropriate patient care.
Provide support during the stages of prosthetic treatments	The unit aim is to is to understand the various types of endodontic treatment and their application. Learners will gain an understanding of the possible complications associated with providing endodontic treatment.
Provide support during extractions and minor oral surgery	The unit aim is to is to understand extractions and the various types of minor oral surgery including the possible complications associated with providing these treatments.
Scientific and practical information to support the patient's oral and physical health	This unit focuses on the theory of causes, progression and management of oral disease, and how this knowledge can be applied in order to provide information to support patients.

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