

Dental Nurse

Sector	Science, Dental and Pharmacy
Who is it for?	New recruits and existing staff
Start date	September and March
Level	3
Duration	18 months
End-point assessment	There is no end-point assessment. Pass is achieved via 100% completion of mandatory units
Qualification	Level 3 Dental Nursing Practitioner
Delivery model	Weekly college session

This standard aims to give the Apprentice the knowledge, skills and behaviours to successfully complete dental nursing tasks and duties.

Day-to-day tasks may include greeting patients, setting up clinical procedures, assisting with clinical procedures, aspirating with clinical procedures, mixing materials required for medical procedures, dealing with instruments for decontamination, disinfection of clinical areas and booking appointments.

Typical job roles include:

Dental therapist

Dental hygienist

What your Apprentice will learn



Apprentices develop knowledge, skills and behaviours to be able to work effectively in their job role.

These form the Apprenticeship standard that has been developed and agreed with employers.

The knowledge, skills and behaviours that your Apprentice will learn include:

Knowledge

How to work with patient-centred approach

How to work within the General Dental Council's principles and standards

How to identify and manage all medical emergencies in a dental setting

Roles and responsibilities of a Dental nurse

Understanding of all dental diseases, how they occur, how to prevent and how to treat

Skills

Setting up instruments, materials and equipment for various clinical treatments

Decontamination of instruments

Disinfection of the clinical area and equipment used

Identifying and managing medical emergencies in a dental setting

Recording accurate clinical notes and patient histories

Disposing of waste in the workplace

Behaviours

Communication

Professionalism

Time management

Self-monitoring and self-reflection

Teamwork

Patient-centred approach

100%

pass rate at end-point assessment in
2023/24 for this standard.

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