



Dental Nursing (Level 3)

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.

Course Overview:

The qualification focuses on the technical skills and knowledge required to be a professional dental nurse. Units of study include direct chairside work and support during a range of dental treatments, organisational and legal requirements which underpin high quality dental care, and the role of the dental nurse in meeting patients needs.

What are the entry requirements?

Entry is subject to interview and assessment and you will need to have relevant employment. In addition, you will need to have 4 GCSEs at grade C/4 or higher, including English & Maths or have achieved a relevant Level 2 vocational qualification and be able to demonstrate ability equivalent to, or exceeding Level 2 in English & Maths. If you don't meet Functional Skills requirements – do not worry, you will be able to complete Functional Skills along with your Dental Nursing Apprenticeship.

What does this programme involve?

Dental Nurses provide chair side support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care within a variety of clinical environments.

How is the programme taught and assessed?

Apprentices will develop their knowledge, skills and behaviours through on and off-the-job learning and are expected to attend Presidency London College on a day release basis every week to attend the class.

Apprentices will enhance knowledge in areas to include:

- ◆ Dental and regional anatomy
- ◆ Respiratory and circulatory systems
- ◆ Transmission of infectious diseases and their prevention
- ◆ Materials, equipment and resources
- ◆ Medical Emergencies
- ◆ Legislative compliance and regulatory requirements

Apprentices will develop skills in areas to include:

- ◆ Health Promotion
- ◆ Clinical skills
- ◆ Patient Care & Patient Management
- ◆ Communication & Management Skills

The apprenticeship standard has an expected duration of 24 months and on successful completion apprentices will be awarded a Level 3 qualification approved by the General Dental Council following completion of an end point assessment. Unless exempt on entry, apprentices will be required to achieve Level 2 Functional Skills in English & Maths prior to undertaking end point assessment. Your progress will be continuously monitored and supported by an Apprenticeship Officer and Assessor.

What else do I need to know?

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

Start Date: Rolling Programme

Duration: 18-24 months

Course Time: One day per week

Course Price: Free unless over 19 then an Employer Contribution is required. Please ask for details