

# Dental Nursing City & Guilds Extended Diploma

## The Role of a Dental Nurse

The dental nurse works within the dental team to provide oral health care for a patient.

As a dental nurse, you will come in close contact with patients of all ages who may be anxious and in need of support and reassurance. Good communication skills and a friendly manner are essential.

You will assist the dentist in all aspects of patient care. This will range from sterilising and preparing instruments, mixing materials, and ensuring the patient is comfortable. You may also assist the dentist with various procedures such as minor oral surgery and extractions.

## Future opportunities

Throughout your apprenticeship you will be given information, advice, and guidance about your future opportunities. This may include attending work experience, shadowing, and meeting with managers to either discuss career opportunities in the Trust, external employment, or future education.

You will be eligible to apply for vacancies for Dental Nurses within the Dental Institute.

Dental nurses can work within dental hospitals, in community clinics, in the Armed Forces, in the NHS and in private general dental practices. Once qualified, you may choose to undertake post qualification courses which cover different specialists within dental nursing such as Oral Health Education, Sedation, Orthodontics and Special Care.

## Entry Requirements:

Applicants should be 16 years or over with a minimum of four GCSEs (Grade 4 or above) or equivalent English Language and Mathematics is essential. A science subject is desirable.

Upon qualification you will be recognised by the dental profession as a qualified dental nurse and will be eligible to apply for registration with the General Dental Council.



## Employment as an Apprentice Dental Nurse at Leeds Dental Institute

We regularly recruit groups of apprentice dental nurses.

Vacancies are advertised approximately every six months through the NHS Jobs website, [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk)

Apprentice Dental Nurses are employed by the Leeds Dental Institute to support our 4 Outreach Clinics in Beeston, Chapel Allerton, Bradford, and Hull and in various departments of the Dental Institute on a rotational basis.

You will have to undertake four rotations of one month duration at each of these outreach facilities during your fixed term contract.

You will be working, in the main, with Undergraduate Dental Students but will come into contact with the whole dental team including Dentists, Dental Hygiene/Therapists, Dental Technicians and Dental Nurses.



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## Dental Nurse Apprenticeship Training

You will be provided with off the job training delivered by the School of Dental Care Professionals (SODCP) to complete your apprenticeship training requirements. You will be allocated to one of our Trainer/Assessors who will teach, assess, and support you throughout your Apprenticeship.

During your off the job training, you will spend time gaining the underpinning knowledge covering the following topics:

- Preparing for professional practice in dental nursing
- Control of periodontal disease and caries, and the restoration of cavities
- Health and safety legislation on working practices in the dental surgery
- Stages of prosthetic treatment
- Prevention and control of infection in the dental setting
- Stages of endodontic procedures
- Dental and regional anatomy, oral health assessment and treatment planning
- Extractions and minor oral surgery
- Recognising and supporting actions during first aid and medical emergencies
- Scientific and practical information to support the patient's oral and physical health
- The safe use of ionising radiation to produce quality radiographic images

## How to apply

- Vacancies are advertised every six months through NHS Jobs, [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk)
- Applications are to be made online at [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk) in response to the advertisements.
- Salary: Agenda for Change Band 2

For more information on applications and courses, please contact:

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