

On Programme Content

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## Apprenticeship standard

This occupation is found in healthcare under the profession of dentistry. Dental nurses work in a clinical environment that could be located in a NHS general dental practice, hospital, private dental practice, specialist dental practice, community dental service or military dental clinic. The clinical environment is called a dental surgery and consists of a dental chair, x-ray unit and various equipment and instruments required for dentistry. An apprentice will predominately work with a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist, clinical dental technician or orthodontic therapist within a surgery environment with patients attending throughout the day.

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This learning content is designed to support the delivery of the on programme element of the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the apprenticeship standard and prepare the apprentice for end point assessment.

The on programme learning content is designed to prepare the apprentice for end point assessment and includes 4 courses:

- **Dental nurse induction:** this course includes an introduction to the apprenticeship standard and the end point assessment requirements, learning materials to support the apprentice in developing reflective practice, understanding safeguarding, Prevent and British Values and provides a task to recognise completion of the GDC Induction Checklist.
- **Dental nurse:** the tasks in this course cover all the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the apprenticeship standard and have been mapped to the mandatory qualification.
- **C&G Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing.**
- **Dental nurse apprenticeship standard:** this optional course allows centres and apprentices to map their completed learning content to the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the apprenticeship standard.

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Dental Nurse Induction	Induction	Introduction	Reflective practice	Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values	GDC induction checklist		
Dental Nurse	Development of self and others	Personal development planning	Giving and receiving effective feedback	Maintaining a CPD Log	Professional attitude and behaviour		
	Foundations of practice	Evidence-based dentistry (EBD)	Normal human structures and function	Acute oral conditions and abnormalities of the oral cavity	Caries and periodontal disease	Dental and oral anatomy	Physiology and patient management
		Infectious agents	Dental biomaterials	Health and illness			
	Contribution to patient assessment	Patient records and assessments	Anxiety	Information governance and confidentiality			
	Patient management	Equality, respect and dignity	Consent	Medical and psychological conditions	Effective communication and behavioural techniques	Oral health maintenance advice	
	Patient and public safety	Safe working in the clinical environment	Decontamination and cross infection	Manage medical emergencies	Abuse and neglect		

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Dental Nurse	Health promotion and disease prevention	Follow-up care and prevention				
	Contributing to treatment	Maintenance and validation of dental equipment	Chairside support	Dental radiographs		
	Population-based health and care	Population health	Healthcare systems	Health promotion, prevention and behaviour changes		
	Patients, their representatives and the public	Communicate with patients, representatives and the public				
	Ethical and legal	GDC's standards and professional regulations	Legal and ethical responsibilities	Unconscious bias and respect		
Teamwork	Effective teamwork and dental teams					

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Dental Nurse	Managing self	Self awareness	Managing time and resources			
	Working with others	Patient-centred approach	Direct Access	Raising concerns		
	Managing the clinical and working environment	Dental equipment	Handling complaints	National and local clinical governance		