

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing (60372217)

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
<p>What does this qualification cover?</p>	<p>The Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing is a competence based qualification which means that it covers the knowledge and skill that are required to work in a particular job role, in this case as a dental nurse. This means that you must be working in a role where you will be responsible for providing support to dental care professionals and to patients during a range of dental treatments and dental care activities.</p> <p>This qualification consists of 11 mandatory units covering core knowledge and skills competencies required to ensure that the required skills and knowledge, detailed in the General Dental Council Learning Outcomes and Scope of Practice relating to the role of the dental nurse, are met.</p> <p>The content of the mandatory units covers: preparing for professional practice, health and safety, prevention and control of infection, dental anatomy, oral health, medical emergencies, radiography and a range of different dental treatments and procedures.</p> <p>The assessment of the qualification mostly takes place in your real work environment whilst you carry out the day to day activities of your job. This means that you are also proving you work to a nationally recognised level at the same time as doing your job.</p> <p>The qualification assessment also includes an externally set and marked online multiple choice question test.</p> <p>Occasionally you may be asked to complete a project, assignment or to answer questions which can be assessed outside of your workplace.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
<p>Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?</p>	<p>This qualification is ideal for you if you are working as a dental nurse in a dental setting and wish to develop your skills and knowledge to a level which demonstrates that you are competent. The Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing is approved by the General Dental Council (GDC) as a qualification which is recognised as meeting the qualification requirements for a dental nurse to apply to join the GDC professional register for Dental Nurses.</p> <p>Delivery of the qualification can be flexible to meet your needs and assessment usually takes place in your place of work. The qualification is also endorsed by Skills for Health and has national recognition.</p>

Alternatives routes to achieve the same outcome?	<p>The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing is a similar qualification, including the same content, though the Extended Diploma has been designed specifically to support the Dental Nurse Apprenticeship (STo113/APo3) standard in England. If you are intending to complete this apprenticeship, then you should refer to information about the Extended Diploma... More details can be found by on our apprenticeships section of the City & Guilds website (www.cityandguilds.com)</p>
How this qualification supports the identified outcome(s)?	<p>This qualification allows you to learn, develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge required for employment and/or career progression in dental nursing, and, on completion supports application to join the GDC professional register for dental nurses.</p> <p>With additional experience, learners can progress to the City & Guilds Learning & Development or ILM Team Leader qualifications. You could explore higher education programmes, providing all entry requirements are met.</p>
WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?	
Employer/Higher Education Institutions	<p>This Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing is approved by the General Dental Council and endorsed by Skills for Health, the Sector Skills Council for Health in England.</p> <p>The qualification is listed as an approved qualification on the Skills for Care website www.skillsforcare.org.uk</p>
Further information	<p>Further information on the qualification content and assessment is available on the 4238 webpage on the City & Guilds website www.cityandguilds.com</p>