

Apprenticeship standard (England only)




Dental nurse

Industry: Health and science

City & Guilds code:

5234-01 (on-programme qualification)

9752-12 (EPA – version 1 of the assessment plan)

 **Typical duration:** 18 months
 **Maximum funding:** £6,000*
 **Level 3**

*Funding information accurate as of March 2019. For the most up-to-date information, check the [IfA website](#).

About this standard

The new standard is a direct replacement to back the SASE framework Health (Dental Nursing) England.

About the role

The dental nurse is a key role in the dental care professionals team and complements the role of other members of the team. A primary role is to provide chairside support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care. Dental nurses work in clinical environments.

The mandatory on-programme qualification is approved by the General Dental Council (GDC) and means the apprentice will meet the qualification requirements which will allow them to apply to the GDC professional register as a dental nurse.



On-programme: what apprentices need to learn

Apprentices need to complete 20% off-the-job training during the on-programme phase of their apprenticeship. Specific rules govern this and it must take place in the apprentice's contracted hours.

Formative assessment of knowledge, skills and behaviours required in the delivery of the level 3 dental nurse apprenticeship are broken down as follows:

Knowledge:

- Dental and regional anatomy
- Respiratory and circulatory systems
- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Transmission of infectious diseases and their prevention
- Materials, equipment and resources
- Medical emergencies
- Legislative compliance and regulatory requirements
- The Dental team and GDC guidelines
- Communication
- Self-management

Skills:

- Health promotion
- Clinical skills
- Patient care
- Patient management
- Professionalism
- Management skills
- Communication skills

Behaviours:

- Ethical
- Professional
- Commitment
- Responsible
- Reflection and self awareness

Refer to the [IfA website](#) further detail on the standard and assessment plan.

City & Guilds has developed the mandatory qualification required for this standard. For more information, visit our webpage for dental nurse [here](#).



Gateway requirements

Before you can book end-point assessment, the provider and employer sign off that the apprentice will be ready for EPA.

For this standard, the employer and provider will need to sign a declaration to agree the apprentice shows evidence of the relevant knowledge, skills and behaviours as set out in the standard. The apprentice also must have achieved a GDC-approved

qualification in dental nursing (the City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing) and have passed maths and English at Level 2.

As part of our EPA service, City & Guilds will check all gateway evidence before the EPA event so you can have the confidence that the apprentice is ready for EPA.





End-point assessment (EPA): how apprentices demonstrate their learning

Important: This factsheet is for version 1. Version 2 of the dental nursing apprenticeship assessment plan has been published. City & Guilds is also developing EPA for version 2. For more information, please speak to your business manager.

As defined in the assessment plan (version 1), the assessment events for this standard are:



Project

This will be a third party, independent assessment of a project which links and tests skills and knowledge in a holistic way. The project themes will be work related and relevant to the role of the dental nurse.

Our assessment delivery: On-site, the IEPA will assess the apprentice in the workplace.

City & Guilds will allocate a skilled and experienced professional to assess the apprentice objectively against the standard. All assessments are standardised and quality assured.

To help you prepare apprentices and ensure they feel ready for assessment, we have created a suite of preparation resources, including:

- **End-point assessment pack:** details behind the standard and assessment plan, guidance on EPA tasks and grading, procedures for re-sits, timelines, venue and resource requirements for EPA. It is important that you are familiar with this information.
- **EPA preparation tool:** Personalised login for each apprentice with useful learning resources relevant to the assessment skills



Interview

This will be a third party, independent assessor, face-to-face review of the project and whole apprenticeship.

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required for their standard, ensuring they feel ready for their EPA experience.

- **Recording forms:** supporting you to complete key stages of EPA readiness, we have prepared forms to give you peace of mind and confidence that everything is covered.
- **LIEPA report:** A report produced by our lead independent end assessor (LIEPA) with insight into the EPA results for this standard and findings across all centres. These reports can help you refine your delivery to improve success rates.
- Our dedicated **EPA customer success team** will be on hand to support you through your EPA journey and can be contacted at epasupport@cityandguilds.com



Apprenticeship certification

As well as receiving their Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA) apprenticeship certificate, the apprentice will receive a City & Guilds statement of achievement for end-point assessment.

Why choose City & Guilds?

Personal support: Our dedicated EPA customer success team, Technical Advisors, Business Managers and Customer Service teams are on hand to help you throughout your apprenticeship journey.

Qualification: The level 3 diploma is mapped comprehensively to the standard and designed to draw out the skills, knowledge and behaviour apprentices need so they are confident for assessment and you know that everything is covered.

EPA support resources: Our specially created EPA resources will help you to prepare apprentices and ensure a smooth booking process.

EPA delivery: We are growing our EPA service, using new technologies to enhance the delivery and management of EPA.

Pricing that works for you: When you choose us for EPA, you pay a small registration fee and the balance once the EPA has taken place and results submitted.

Events and webinars: We deliver a range of events and webinars run by industry specialists to advise and guide you.

Progression: The journey never stops and we're committed to helping learners progress into a job, develop on the job and move into the next job. Visit our website cityandguilds.com for our wider offering in this sector and information about leadership and management apprenticeships.



More information

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