Apprenticeship standard (England only)

**Dental Nurse**

**Industry:** Dental Health

City & Guilds code: **5234**  
LARS number: **61**

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**On-programme learning:** Open for registrations  
**End-point assessment:** Reservations from January 2018

City & Guilds has a wealth of experience in offering and supporting centres and employers to deliver dental nursing apprenticeships and has been involved in the development of the new standard and assessment plan.

Our Dental Nursing apprenticeship offer provides the key things you need to sustain flexible delivery models that are cost effective and time efficient. The on-programme qualification, City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing is approved by the General Dental Council (GDC) and supports the apprentice to meet the qualification requirements which will allow them to enter the GDC professional register as a dental nurse.

Our offer includes a high-quality, rigorous end-point assessment, at a convenient time and place for the apprentice. This will normally be arranged at your training centre.

The new Dental Nurse apprenticeship is a direct replacement for the current SASE framework Health (Dental Nursing) England. The new Dental Nurse standard development has been driven by an employer steering group, and then refined through the Technical Working Group consisting of employers, training providers and assessment experts, including City & Guilds.

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**Minimum duration:** 18-24 months  
**Funding band:** 9 (£9,000)*  
**Level 3**

*Funding bands from May 2017.

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**City & Guilds – helping you with a tailored package**

Our Digital Learning Resources Team has been working together with our well-established network of specialists, colleges and providers, to develop the right tools to support on- and off-the-job training.

- **Mandatory Level 3 qualification**  
The City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing (5234) is approved by the GDC.

- **Learning Assistant (e-portfolio)**  
Tracks progress online in real time.

- **Guidance documents**  
Covering knowledge, and advice on practical standards and behaviours.

Our exclusive support package has been designed to keep your apprentices motivated and on track for successful end-point assessment.

For more information please visit [cityandguilds.com](http://cityandguilds.com)
The City & Guilds Dental Nurse apprenticeship

The Dental Nurse role is a key element of the dental care professionals team and complements the role of other members of the dental team. One of the primary roles is to provide chairside support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care. Dental nurses may work in a variety of clinical environments and this apprenticeship reflects all aspects of clinical responsibilities and duties of a dental nurse’s role. In addition, it will provide the apprentice with the relevant qualification to apply to the GDC for professional registration as a dental nurse.

The apprentice journey

1. On-programme: What is required in the Assessment Plan?

The on-programme learning is based on a series of 15 mandatory units, in line with the GDC learning outcomes and covered by the City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing. Regular reviews of progress involving the apprentice, employer and training provider will be essential to ensure that the apprentice is on target to achieve their on-programme qualification and to support development of the required behaviours.

The mandatory units include:

- first aid essentials
- reducing health and safety risks in the dental setting
- role and responsibilities of a dental nurse
- prepare and maintain environments, instruments and equipment for clinical dental procedures.
- principles of infection control in the dental environment
- chairside support for prevention and control of periodontal disease and caries and the restoration of cavities
- chairside support for the provision of fixed and removable prostheses.
- chairside support for non-surgical endodontic treatment
- chairside support for extraction and minor oral surgery
- information and support on the protection of an individual’s oral health.
- assessment of oral health and treatment planning
- dental radiography
- management of oral health diseases and dental procedures.

Throughout the apprenticeship, achievement of knowledge, skills and behaviours, as set out in the standard, will also be developed. These behaviours need to demonstrate that the apprentice is professional, committed, works in a responsible and ethical manner and is able to reflect on their performance and is self-aware.

How our offer supports on-programme delivery

1. On-programme on-the-job and off-the-job training

Training and development takes place during this part of the apprenticeship, which may include a qualification if it is identified as a requirement in the standard.

Formative assessment of skills, knowledge and behaviours is required in the delivery of the standard and this will be outlined in the assessment plan.

Maths and English are required (level varies according to the standard).

Mandatory Level 3 qualification (5234)

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing is approved by the GDC and supports the apprentice to meet the qualification requirements to enter the GDC professional register as a dental nurse.

Guidance documents

- Handbooks containing the qualification content and assessment requirements.
- Guidance for apprentices and training providers to help prepare the apprentice for their end-point assessment.

Learning Assistant

Learning Assistant is an innovative and cost effective e-portfolio solution that allows colleges and training providers to improve dramatically the delivery of apprenticeship standards by tracking progress online in real time.
The City & Guilds Dental Nurse apprenticeship

2. Gateway

The employer and provider must sign off the apprentice as ready to move on to end-point assessment.

3. End-point assessment

The end-point assessment must demonstrate that the apprentice can perform in the occupation in a fully competent, holistic and productive way.

The assessment will be graded if required by the standard.

The assessment organisation and assessor must be independent of, and separate from, the training provided by the provider and employer.

4. Apprenticeship certification

On successful completion, the end-point assessment organisation will apply to the ESFA for the apprenticeship certification. The certificate will then be sent to the apprentice’s employer.

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Maths and English requirements

If your apprentices need to complete maths and English, our popular Functional Skills qualifications fit within apprenticeship programmes and cover the core maths and English requirement for the workplace and further study. We have an extensive support package available, including e-Functional Skills, and an online teaching and learning platform, which guides learners from an initial and a diagnostic assessment, through to being exam ready.

Find out more: cityandguilds.com/functionalskills

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2. Gateway

To move on to end-point assessment, the apprentice must achieve a GDC-approved qualification in dental nursing, show evidence of the relevant behaviours and have passed maths and English at Level 2.

3. End-point assessment

City & Guilds is an approved assessment organisation on the Register of Apprentice Assessment Organisations (RoAAO) for this apprenticeship standard. Assessments can be arranged at your premises.

We will provide an end-point assessment handbook for the centre, with guidance on preparing apprentices, how to register and what facilities you will need if you are providing the venue for assessment. We will also provide a handbook, outlining what the apprentice should expect and how to prepare.

End-point assessment methods

- **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. Apprentices will be able to choose from a range of project themes, however, the theme must be agreed by the employer. The project will be 75% of the overall grading.

- **Interview**
  
  This will be a third party, independent assessor, face-to-face review of the project and whole apprenticeship. The interview will be 25% of the overall grading.

Find out more at: cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships

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4. Apprenticeship certification

As well as receiving their ESFA apprenticeship certification, the apprentice will receive a City & Guilds statement of achievement for end-point assessment.
Our commitment to you
Complementing our support materials for the dental health industry, at City & Guilds we are dedicated to supporting your wider apprenticeship strategy, with a range of events and free webinars run by industry experts to advise and guide you. Our consultancy team runs free-to-fee options to help you prepare for apprenticeship delivery and understanding the new standards and funding.

Information about events, webinars and consultancy support is online: cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships

How our offer supports providers
Technical support
Our Technical Advisors, Industry Manager for Dental Nursing and Independent End Assessors are on hand to answer any questions you might have about on-programme content or end-point assessment.

Customer Services Team
Our dedicated Business Managers and Customer Support Team are here to support you and your learners throughout all aspects of apprenticeships from registration to completion.

More information
Visit Walled Garden to find out prices and if any elements are extra to the package. Please contact your Business Manager or apprenticeships@cityandguilds.com for further information.

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