

Apprenticeship in Dental Nursing

Blended or Classroom Learning Programmes





Course Overview

The Apprenticeship in Dental Nursing is a 15-18-month government funded course and is comprised of 3 main components:

- Diploma in Dental Nursing Level 3
- Functional Skills English & Maths level 2 qualifications (unless exempt. Typical exemptions include Maths and English GCSEs grade A-C)
- End Point Assessment consisting of a practice observation and interview

This qualification is accredited by City & Guilds and is delivered in our Training Centre in North London or nationwide through blended interactive E- Learning, enabling learners to access the course from anywhere in the UK.

Candidates must be employed as a dental nurse before starting this course.

Tempdent has an apprenticeship recruitment team who can support you if you are looking for a role. Furthermore you are able to apply to any of the numerous jobs that we post on the National Apprenticeship Service through our website https://www.tempdent.co.uk/candidates/apprenticeship-centre/job-feed

Tempdent uploads new vacancies to the site on a daily basis. If you can't find a job there in your area please call the apprenticeship recruitment team on 020 8371 6700

Once successfully placed in a dental practice candidates are then able to enrol onto the course.



Course Structure

Government funded learners must be allocated 20% of their working week by their employer for off the job dental nurse course training including all forms of team inclusive CPD. Off the job training generally includes assessor observations, classroom sessions, webinars, workshops, assessor support.

Classroom	Blended	
 Teaching: Classroom One day per week, day release 3 hours (Tutor led) & 3 hours (assessor led) 	Teaching: Webinars 1.5 hour weekly during working day (Tutor led) Interactive E- Learning Content Content/Presentation Tests/Quizzes Video	
Assessor Contact: • Monthly (half a day in practice)	Assessor Contact: • Portfolio Assessor (ongoing daily/ weekly support) • Workplace Assessor (3 full days observations across the programme)	
 Exams: Invigilated at London training centre 4 Dental Nurse Exams Maths Functional Skills exam (unless exempt) English Reading Functional Skills exam (unless exempt) English Writing Functional Skills exam (unless exempt) 	Exams: Invigilated at regional workshops London, Manchester, Peterborough, Southampton, Somerset & Newcastle 3 Workshops on different topics 4 Dental Nurse Exams • Maths Functional Skills exam (unless exempt) • English Reading Functional Skills exam (unless exempt) • English Writing Functional Skills exam (unless exempt)	
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Entry Requirements

Applicants should have Maths & English GCSE grade A-C/4-9 or Key Skills/Functional Skills Level 2. However, if applicants have attained qualifications of a similar level we will review this on a case by case basis.

Applicants with Maths & English GCSE grade A-C/4-9 or Key Skills/Functional Skills Level 2 will be exempt from the Functional Skills components.

Candidates should be employed as a dental nurse for a minimum of 30 hours per week to complete the apprenticeship in the minimum times. In some circumstances the learner can work shorter hours but the length of the qualification would need to be extended accordingly.

Candidates must have regular access to a computer or laptop with internet connectivity microphone & speakers as they will be required to attend live webinars, access online material and prepare coursework.

Start Dates

Classroom	Blended
AprilOctober	JanuaryAprilJulyOctober

Enrolment Process

Once you have confirmed your interest, we will email you a registration link in order for you to complete your enrolment.

The enrolment process comprises of:

- Completing an online application form
- Submitting evidence of passport and previous qualifications
- Undertaking a basic maths and English assessment

Once you have completed your enrolment process, you will be contacted by one of our administrators to confirm your acceptance on to the next course intake.



If you require any support in completing the enrolment process please do not hesitate to contact us at academysupport@tempdent.co.uk or 020 8371 6700.

Course Fees – payable by employer

Apprentice Age	Non-levy SME (under 50 employees)	Non-levy SME (50 plus employees)	Levy (payroll of £3M plus per year
16-18	Fully government funded (no fee)	£300 plus VAT	£6,000 when using digital account Or £300 plus VAT when digital accounts funds have run out
19+	£300 plus VAT	£300 plus VAT	£6,000 when using digital account Or £300 plus VAT when digital accounts funds have run out

For candidates ineligible for government funding the fee for the qualification is £4,500 plus VAT. Please note that this is for the diploma in dental nursing, a 12 month privately funded qualification – leading to GDC registration.

Potential Additional Employer Fees

- 1. Should the learner fail their EPA the employer is responsible for paying for resit fees. The current fees are £220 + vat for observation & £100 + vat for professional discussion.
- 2. In the very unlikely event that the learner has not completed their qualification by the funding expiry date the employer will be responsible for paying £300+vat per month. Tempdent works alongside the learner and employer to safeguard against this happening through regular updates and in 20 years of delivery this has never been invoked.

Employer government incentives

The following government incentives will be available to employers

Apprentice Age	Non-levy SME (under 50 employees)	Non-levy SME (50 plus employees)	Levy (payroll of £3M plus per year
16-18	£1000	£1000	£1000
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New COVID related Government Incentives extended till September 2021

As a result of the current COVID-19 situation the government have introduced new incentives to hire apprentices. These incentives are available to employers hiring an apprentice whose contract starts between April 1st 2021 and September 30th 2021.

16-18 years old - an additional £3000 (£4000 including previous incentive) 19 years and over - £3000

Payments are paid directly to the employer in two transactions (90 days & 365 days). To receive the payments the employer must register an account with the Employer Apprenticeship Service and choose Tempdent as their training provider.

Employers NIC Exemption

Employers are not responsible for paying Employers NIC for any apprentices under the age of 25 saving you 13.8% of the annual salary of the apprentice. e.g. for an apprentice on a wage of £12,000 PA you would make a saving of £740 of tax contribution over the duration of the programme.

Benefits

- Provides candidates with a professional qualification and career path.
- Qualified dental nurses can progress onto post-GDC registration courses such as the Oral Health Education, Dental Radiography and Sedation.
- The dental nurse course creates an opportunity to progress into teaching, assessing, dental hygiene, therapy careers and Dental Practice Management

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate first aid skills
- Identify and reduce risks to health and safety in the dental setting
- Understand the role and responsibilities of a dental nurse
- Prepare environments, instruments and equipment for dental procedures
- Provide chairside support for the assessment of patients' oral health
- Contribute to the production of dental images
- Provide chairside support for the prevention and control of periodontal disease and caries and the restoration of cavities
- Provide chairside support for the provision of fixed and removable prostheses
- Provide chairside support for non-surgical endodontic treatment
- Provide chairside support for the extraction of teeth and minor oral surgery
- Provide information and support to patients on the protection of their oral health
- Understand the management of oral health diseases and dental procedures

How do I apply?

You can apply for this course by;

- Apply through our website: https://www.tempdent.co.uk/training/dental-nurse-trainingcourses
- Email us at info@tempdent.co.uk
- Phone our Apprenticeship team on 020 8371 6700





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