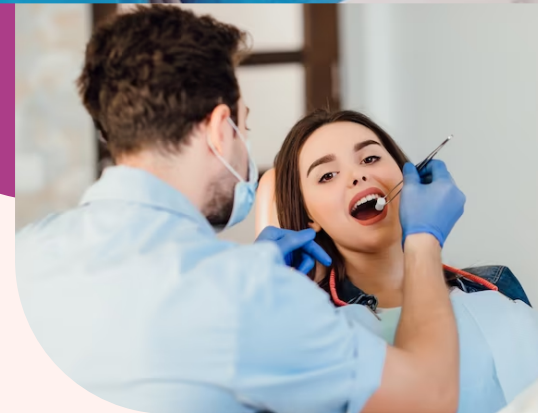


Dental Nurse Integrated



Dental Nurse (integrated) Level 3 involves working with dental professionals in a clinical environment to provide chair-side support and maintain high standards of cleanliness and infection control. They prepare materials, sterilise instruments, keep records, carry out stock control and ensure patient comfort and safety. Dental nurses interact with patients of all ages, other members of the dental team, and representatives of organisations providing support services. They work within the standards and scope of practice defined by the General Dental Council Scope of Practice.

Entry Requirements

Employers will set their own entry requirements for this apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship Duration

This apprenticeship typically takes 18 months.

Level

This apprenticeship standard is set at level 3.

Qualifications

- Apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the End-Point Assessment.
- For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement, the apprenticeship's English and maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3. A British Sign Language (BSL) qualification is an alternative to the English qualification for those whose primary language is BSL.

Other Mandatory Qualifications

A level 3 qualification which has been approved by the General Dental Council as meeting the requirements for entry to the professional register as a dental nurse.

End Assessment

The employer, training provider and apprentice will agree together about when the apprentice is ready to undertake the independent end assessment.

ART Providers Trainers

They will help the apprentice decide on a personal learning and development plan and help then setting a timetable of learning activities in preparation for the End Point Assessment (EPA). The ART Providers Training Consultant will meet with the apprentice regularly either online or face to face to complete and review assessments, provide further coaching and agree the next steps of the learning process.



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Occupation duties:

Duty	Description	KSBs
Duty 1	Work to current best practice for dental nurses.	K1 K2 K3 K4 K5 K6 K7 K8 K9 K10 K11 S1 S2 S3 S4 S5 S6 B1 B2
Duty 2	Use appropriate communication maintaining professionalism at all times and through all media to provide patient-centred care.	K12 K13 K14 S7 S8 S9 S10 S11 B1 B2
Duty 3	Prepare and maintain the clinical environment.	K15 K16 K17 S12 S13 S14 B1
Duty 4	Carry out infection control procedures.	K18 K19 K20 K21 S15 B1
Duty 5	Prepare, mix and handle materials.	K22 K23 K24 S13 S16 B1
Duty 6	Keep accurate and current patient records.	K13 K25 K26 S11 S17 B1 B2
Duty 7	Prepare equipment and materials for dental radiographs.	K27 K28 K29 S18 S19 B1
Duty 8	Give appropriate oral and general health advice to patients.	K5 K30 S20 B1 B2
Duty 9	Recognise and deal with medical emergencies.	K31 K32 K33 K34 S21 S22 B1 B2
Duty 10	Take responsibility for your own professional development in line with General Dental Council requirements.	K1 K4 K35 K36 K37 S23 S24 S25 S26 B1 B2
Duty 11	Contribute to the quality improvement of the service.	K6 K38 K39 K40 S27 S28 B1 B2

KSBs

Knowledge

K1	Know and understand the General Dental Council Scope of Practice and Standards for the Dental Team for your role as a dental nurse and that of others in the team.
K2	Know and understand legislation, policy and procedures related to your role as a dental nurse.
K3	Know and understand the wider dental and healthcare system that dental nurses work in.
K4	Know and understand the principles relating to evidence-based approaches to learning, clinical, professional practice and decision-making.
K5	Know and understand the basic principles of a population healthcare approach including safeguarding, oral and general healthcare and your duty of care.
K6	Know and understand how to raise concerns as described in the current General Dental Council guidance.
K7	Know and understand dental and regional anatomy.
K8	Know and understand the respiratory and circulatory system.
K9	Know and understand legal and ethical responsibilities involved in protecting and promoting the health of individual patients.
K10	Know and understand duty of candour.
K11	Know and understand the principals of preventative dentistry.
K12	Know and understand a range of communication methods, including verbal and non-verbal, listening skills, being aware of the barriers to communication and of how to check you have been understood.
K13	Know and understand the importance of maintaining confidentiality and protecting all data relating to patients and their treatment.
K14	Know and understand the importance of gaining patient consent.
K15	Know and understand the equipment, instruments and materials used to provide chairside support to dental professionals, and operate in the clinical environment.
K16	Know and understand how to assess, reduce and manage risks as outlined in current best practice guidelines.
K17	Know and understand how to raise concerns that affect the running of the clinical environment in line with local policy and procedures.
K18	Know and understand the potential routes of transmission of infectious agents in dental practice.
K19	Know and understand the mechanisms for the prevention of infection.
K20	Know and understand the scientific principles of decontamination and disinfection and their relevance to health & safety.
K21	Know and understand local infection control protocols and your own responsibilities.
K22	Know and understand the appropriate materials for different treatments.
K23	Know and understand how to prepare materials in line with manufacturers recommendations.
K24	Know and understand Health & Safety legislation relating to dental materials and other medication.
K25	Know and understand the importance of maintaining accurate and current patient records in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements.
K26	Know and understand the principles of information governance.
K27	Know and understand the scientific principles of medical ionising radiation.
K28	Know and understand the statutory regulations in relation to radiography.
K29	Know and understand the different types of radiographs used in dentistry including how to process and store them.
K30	Know and understand contributing factors that can impact on oral and general health.
K31	Know and understand a range of conditions that could contribute to medical emergencies.
K32	Know and understand the principles of First aid in the workplace.
K33	Know and understand the regulatory requirements regarding documentation of medical emergencies and first aid incidents.
K34	Know and understand your own competence and limitations in dealing with medical emergencies.
K35	Know and understand ways to maintain your professional knowledge and competence including reflecting on your own practice.
K36	Know and understand the importance of appraisal, training and ongoing review including ways to give and receive feedback.
K37	Know and understand the consequences of own professional actions, attitudes and behaviours and their effect on own registration, other registrants, the dental team, the workplace and public opinion.
K38	Know and understand audit and quality improvement processes.
K39	Know and understand health and safety policy related to your role as a dental nurse.
K40	Know and understand the importance of maintaining your own network of dental professionals and other stakeholders involved in the care and support of patients.

KSBs

Skills

S1	Adhere to legal and ethical responsibilities in line with General Dental Council requirements.
S2	Take responsibility for the integrity of own actions and completed work, recognising the limits of your competence and experience.
S3	Comply with current best practice guidelines.
S4	Put patients’ interests first and act to protect them by working in a patient-centred way.
S5	Effectively manage own time and resources.
S6	Provide chair side support during dental procedures.
S7	Monitor, support and reassure patients throughout all aspects of their treatment, ensuring patient-centred care.
S8	Communicate appropriately, effectively and sensitively at all times and through all media.
S9	Respect patients’ dignity and choices and act without discrimination.
S10	Check that valid consent is obtained for all treatments and personal care delivery.
S11	Maintain patient confidentiality at all times.
S12	Work in the clinical environment in a safe and efficient manner.
S13	Select and prepare the correct equipment, instruments and materials.
S14	Carry out and record maintenance and testing of equipment in line with local policy, procedures and the scope of your own role.
S15	Manage and perform effective decontamination and infection control procedures complying with legislative, local and current best practice guidelines.
S16	Mix, handle, store and dispose of materials in line with manufacturers recommendations.
S17	Create and update accurate and current patient records, including social, medical and dental history, storing and archiving them securely and in line with legislation.
S18	Carry out processing of radiographs in line with local procedures and rules.
S19	Make effective decisions regarding the safety of patients when taking a radiograph.
S20	Deliver appropriate and current evidence-based oral and general health advice.
S21	Recognise and support action to deal with medical emergencies.
S22	Respond to medical emergencies and be competent in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
S23	Take part in appraisal and ongoing review processes.
S24	Take part in continuous professional development activities.
S25	Reflect on how your daily practice complies with the General Dental Council requirements for continual improvement.
S26	Comply with personal development planning as specified by the General Dental Council.
S27	Participate in quality improvement activities as required.
S28	Be collaborative and work as part of the team.

Behaviours

B1	Act in a manner consistent with the GDC standards for the dental team which include communication, professionalism, teamwork and clinical skills.
B2	Act in a non-discriminatory manner respecting diversity and upholding the rights, dignity and autonomy of others.

Independent End Point Assessment

The independent end assessment ensures that all apprentices consistently achieve industry-set professional standards and can start working immediately once they have completed a minimum period of learning and development. Training to develop the Dental Nurse occupation standards knowledge, skills and behaviours (aligned to 'Preparing for practice Dental team learning outcomes for registration' (2015 revised edition) (GDC 2015)

End Point Assessment Gateway

- Apprentice has met the knowledge, skills and behaviours.
- Employer and the training provider are satisfied the apprentice has consistently demonstrated they meet the KSBs of the occupational standard.
- Achieved English and mathematics at Level 2.
- Achieved all required units, taking into account any recognition of prior learning (RPL) of the following approved qualification:
 - GDC approved Dental Nurse integrated qualification at Level 3 except the assessment unit.

End Point Assessment

The End-Point assessment would typically take place within 1 month after the gateway.

The EPA consists of the assessment unit. The apprentice is not required to carry out any additional assessments.

- The apprentice must pass the assessment unit.

Professional Recognition

Registration with:

General Dental Council.

