Apprenticeship pathways



Dental Nursing

Level 3

Begin your journey to becoming a fully qualified, GDC registered
Dental Nurse. This apprenticeship prepares you to be an integral part of the dental team, delivering essential chairside support and ensuring patient safety and comfort.

Awarding body: City & Guilds

Length of apprenticeship: 18 months

Possible job roles*: Dental Nurse

Future opportunities:

Choose to specialise in Orthodontic, Paediatric, Endodontic, Periodontic or Oral Surgery nursing. Once qualified and GDC registered, you can progress on to post-registration courses such as Radiography or Orthodontic Nursing.

Oral Health Practitioner Level 4

Learn the unique skills to promote and protect the oral and overall health and wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities. This apprenticeship equips dental professionals with the expertise to carry out preventative procedures and deliver oral and general health screening and education.

Awarding body: NCFE

Length of apprenticeship: 14 months

Possible job roles*:
Oral Health Practitioner
Community Oral Health Educator
Oral Health Champion or Ambassador
Oral Health Improvement Lead

Future opportunities: The Oral Health Practitioner Apprenticeship is a stepping stone to Dental Therapist or Dental Hygienist roles.

Dental Practice Management Level 4

Unlock the potential to lead and manage dental practices with Tempdent's Dental Practice Manager Apprenticeship, designed to equip you with the managerial, organisational, and leadership skills needed to efficiently oversee dental clinics and ensure exceptional patient and employee experiences.

Awarding body: Institute of Leadership and Management

Length of apprenticeship: 15 to 18 months

Possible job roles*: Dental Practice Manager

Future opportunities:
Experienced Dental Practice Managers can progress on to a variety of career paths including Area and Regional Management, Senior Management, Practice Partner and management in other health sectors in or outside of the NHS.

Post GDC Registration Courses:

Certificate in Dental Radiography: Build the skills to take X-rays safely, entitling you to take radiographs unsupervised.

Certificate in Orthodontic Nursing: Enhance your nursing career with the skills to assist Orthodontists in the surgery.