



# Apprenticeship in Dental Nursing

## Blended Learning Programmes

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## Course Overview

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

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

This qualification is accredited by City & Guilds and is delivered 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/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-jobs.html>

Tempdent uploads new vacancies to the site daily. If you can't find a job 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 6 hours 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.

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Teaching: Webinars <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1.5 hour weekly during working day (Tutor led)</li></ul> Interactive E- Learning Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Content/Presentation</li><li>• Tests/Quizzes</li><li>• Videos</li></ul>
Assessor Contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portfolio Assessor (ongoing daily/ weekly support)</li><li>• Workplace Assessor (Minimum of 3 observations across the programme)</li></ul>
Exams can be taken under supervised conditions in the work place <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dental Nurse Exam (Synoptic Test)</li><li>• Maths Functional Skills exam (unless exempt)</li><li>• English Reading Functional Skills exam (unless exempt)</li><li>• English Writing Functional Skills exam (unless exempt)</li></ul> Functional Skills tutoring will commence approximately one month prior to the apprenticeship starting *
End Point Assessment (EPA) (once portfolio complete) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synoptic Test</li><li>• Observation</li><li>• Interview</li></ul>

\*Full attendance is required for Functional Skills lessons during the course and must be included on top of the 6 hours for Off the job learning.

## 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

- January
- April
- July
- October

## Enrolment Process

Once you have confirmed your interest, we will email you a registration link 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 and provide you with access to our Induction programme to prepare you for the apprenticeship. Furthermore, at this stage we run drop in sessions enabling you to meet and ask questions of our assessors

If you require any support in completing the enrolment process, please do not hesitate to contact us at [academysupport@tempdent.co.uk](mailto: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 candidate's ineligible for government funding the fee for the qualification is £4,600 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 £369.50 + vat for observation & £369.50 + vat for professional discussion. Tempdent has a 90% first time pass rate
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 it is very rare for this to be 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 (£500 paid at week 13 & £500 paid after 1 year on programme.	£1000 (£500 paid at week 13 & £500 paid after 1 year on programme.	£1000 (£500 paid at week 13 & £500 after 1 year on programme.

To access apprenticeship funding and for us to advertise on your behalf you must set up an Employers Apprenticeship Service account and choose Tempdent as your training provider

using our UKPRN 10006554. Further information can be found here <https://accounts.manage-apprenticeships.service.gov.uk/service/index?>

## 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

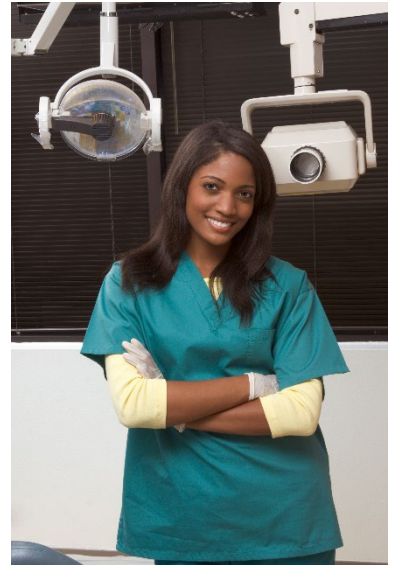
## Learning Outcomes

- To understand and prepare for professional practice in dental nursing
- To understand the impact of health and safety legislation in the dental setting and apply safe working practices
- To understand the prevention and control of infection in the dental setting and be able to apply processes to manage this
- To understand dental and regional anatomy, oral health assessments and treatment planning and be able to prepare the dental environment and support the operator during an oral health assessment
- To understand the role of trained responders for first aid and medical emergencies, use of emergency drugs, equipment, records, infection control and how to deal with medical emergencies.
- To understand current radiography legislation as well as the principles and techniques of taking, processing, storing and quality assuring radiographs
- To understand and be able to apply the skills and knowledge to prepare the clinical environment for various periodontal and restorative procedures and demonstrate the practical skills required.
- To understand the stages and be able to apply the skills and knowledge to prepare the clinical environment for various fixed and removable prosthetic procedures and demonstrate the practical skills required.
- To understand the various endodontic procedures, their preparation and application, including possible complications and patient centred support.
- To understand the various extraction and minor oral surgery procedures, their preparation and application, including possible complications and patient centred support.
- To understand the theoretical causes, progression and management of oral diseases and apply this knowledge to tailor information and advice to patients' specific needs.

## How do I apply?

You can apply for this course by;

- Apply through our website:  
<https://www.tempdent.co.uk/training/dental-nurse-training-courses>
- Email us at [info@tempdent.co.uk](mailto:info@tempdent.co.uk)
- Phone our Apprenticeship team on 020 8371 6700





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