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HELPING  
OTHERS  
SMILE MORE**



**Apprenticeships**



**The Dental School**

## ABOUT THE DENTAL SCHOOL

The Dental School is a dental training company that offers courses to aspiring Dental Nurses to help towards getting their first placement in a practice. The Dental School was formed with a vision of increasing the number of high quality nurses available to practices.

## STAFF SUPPORT

The Dental School was created by partners Martin and Nadine. They brought together some of the most experienced dental educators to create the very best school on the market.

## FLEXIBLE LEARNING

The Dental School offers a flexible apprenticeship programme which is delivered online and in practice. We will not ask you to travel across the country during the course.



## OUR VISION

The Dental School prides itself on working with dedicated and driven people, who want to succeed. These two foundations form the basis that allow the industry leading experts at The Dental School, to deliver the very best dental training possible. We are proud to have experienced, professional tutors on board who will help to guide you on your way to success!

## LEADING THE WAY IN DELIVERING THE VERY BEST TRAINING FOR ASPIRING DENTAL NURSES

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

In order to be eligible for the apprenticeship programme, you must have GCSE's in Maths and English at grades C/4 or above, functional Skills Level 2 or translated NARIC documents at the same level may also be accepted.

## CITIZENSHIP

All candidates must reside within England and have a legal right to live and work in the UK without a work permit or visa. We are not able to offer sponsorship at this time. It is preferable that you have lived in the UK for 3 or more years, however you may still be eligible if this is not the case.

## AGE

You must be aged 16 and above. There is no maximum age restriction. Please note that if you are under the age of 18, you are not permitted to work more than 8 hours per day, or more than 40 hours per week, including your studies.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

We pride ourselves on being able to support and train all learners to the highest standard possible. If you do not have the relevant academic achievements, then it may be possible to work with a third party to help deliver functional skills level 2 to you ahead of your apprenticeship commencing.

# DECIDE COMMIT FOCUS SUCCEED

## QUALITIES OF AN APPRENTICE:

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Compassionate
- Patient
- Determined
- Responsible
- Reliable
- Inquisitive
- Great communicator
- Thoughtful
- Generous
- Caring
- Kind

## SOME OF THE TOPICS YOU'LL COVER:

- Contribute to health and safety in the dental environment.
- Work within regulatory requirements in relation to the role of a dental nurse.
- Reflect on and develop own practice as a dental nurse.
- Prepare and maintain environments, instruments and equipment for clinical dental procedures.
- Promote oral health for individuals.
- Provide support during the assessment of individuals oral health.
- Contribute to the production of dental images.
- Provide support during the prevention and control of periodontal disease, caries and the restoration of cavities.
- Provide support during the provision of fixed and removable prosthesis.
- Provide support during non-surgical endodontic treatment.
- Provide support during the extraction of teeth and minor oral surgery.
- Principles of infection control in a dental environment.
- Dental anatomy and assessment of oral health.
- Principles and techniques of dental radiography.
- Principles of managing oral disease and dental procedures.
- Understand ethics and professionalism in dental nursing.
- First aid essentials.

## APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW PART 1

### GATEWAY

Once you have completed the mandatory units, you, your assessor, tutor and employer must all agree that you are ready for your final test of occupational competence. The period in between you completing the diploma section of your programme, and the End Point Assessment is called gateway.

The gateway is time given to prepare for your EPA and receive your GDC registration in this time too.

# EARN WHILST YOU LEARN

## END POINT ASSESSMENT

The EPA is where you will demonstrate your occupational competence and a culmination of what you have learnt throughout the apprenticeship. It is completed by CACHE, and one of their assessors will visit the practice to conduct the following assessments:

### Observation:

Typically a 60 minute observation in the surgery. You must evidence all of the knowledge, skills and behaviours identified in your assessment plan.

### Professional discussion:

Approximately 40 minutes which is based on a scenario. You would have 30 minutes to prepare prior to the discussion taking place.

## 20% OFF THE JOB TRAINING

Throughout the apprenticeship, you will gain practical experience, technical knowledge, and a wider variety of skills needed for a career in dental nursing.

The 20% off the job training is a mixture of online and in practice studying. You will receive online tutorials, remote and face to face reviews in the practice as well as clinical observations. You will use the online portal OneFile to track your progression, and complete your workbooks. Tools and aids as well as learning packs are available here.

You will receive visits at your place of employment throughout the programme from TDS staff. The timeline will be sent to you upon enrolment.

## SALARY

The apprenticeship wage is currently anything from £4.15 per hour, and if 19+, will automatically raise to minimum wage after the first year on programme. Any pay rises or bonuses would be at the discretion of your practice. Please see minimum wages below for the year 2020/21:

Apprenticeship wage	Under 18	18 to 20	21 to 24	25 and over
£4.15	£4.55	£6.45	£8.20	£8.72

## APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW PART 2



## DURATION

The level 3 diploma in Dental Nursing apprentice programme is completed within a 15-18 month period.

You must work between 30-40 hours per week, including your 20% off the job training.

## FIT TO WORK

As an apprentice in a clinical environment, you will be required to have 3 hepatitis B vaccinations and a DBS check. This will be arranged with your employer and The Dental School.



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TOMORROW HAS NOT YET COME  
WE HAVE ONLY TODAY.**

**LET US BEGIN.”**

**— MOTHER THERESA**

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