



University Dental Hospital of Manchester  
The Central Manchester School for Dental Care Professionals

## NEBDN National Diploma in Dental Nursing

### Summary

The School for Dental Care Professionals (DCP'S) has received the funding to deliver the National Diploma in Dental Nursing qualification for trainee dental nurses who are working in an NHS dental clinical setting.

The National Diploma in Dental Nursing is a General Dental Council (GDC) recognised dental nursing qualification which covers all outcomes described within the GDC Preparing to Practice document. Upon successful outcome of the qualification, you are able to register as a Dental Care Professional with the General Dental Council (GDC) and practice as a qualified Dental Nurse.

The facilities offered by the School for Dental Care Professionals (DCP's) are well equipped and mirror the environment which exists in the dental care sector. Throughout your studies, you will be supported by qualified staff that has a wide range of experience in the profession. Your studies will be via a mix of blended learning including; face to face, eLearning, virtual learning and within your dental setting.

If you are currently employed as a trainee dental nurse and wish to apply to undertake our next training programme the school can issue you with a covering letter as per GDC requirements to state that you are *'in training'* and are employed in the workplace as per standard 6.6.2 of *'Standards for the Dental Team' (2013)*,

### Entry

To be eligible for the course you must:

- undertake an informal interview to ensure you can meet the requirements of the course. This qualification is not approved for use by learners under the age of 16
- be working in a clinical setting for a minimum of 3 days per week or a minimum of 22.5 hours per week
- have the full support of your employer both for the theoretical study and within the clinical environment
- have the full support of your workplace team to undertake your formative workplace assessment via the electronic Record of Experience (eRoE)
- carry out a variety of dental procedures and treatments to meet the requirements of the qualification
- be able to commit to 100% attendance on the given course dates
- have access to an electronic device and the internet so the electronic NEBDN RoE can be accessed and completed by yourself and supported by your workplace team by the required deadline date
- undertake the summative assessment by the scheduled dates set by the NEBDN

## Course content, cost and qualification structure and assessments

A significant amount of training to become a qualified dental nurse is undertaken in the dental clinical setting.

The trainee is required to undertake the 18-month programme of study by undertaking one academic session per week, your studies will be via a mix of blended learning including; face to face, eLearning, virtual learning and within your dental setting. The trainee is expected to undertake self study within the home and dental clinical setting environment.

NHS Practices/NHS employees that operate within the North Western Deanery catchment areas; Cumbria/Lancashire, Cheshire/Merseyside, Greater Manchester are funded for the course.

Private Practice employees that operate within the North Western Deanery and/or NHS practices that operate outside of the North Western Deanery catchment areas; are unfortunately not eligible for NHS funding. A fee of **£1,885** will be applicable prior to commencement of the course. This fee includes the registration of the trainee for the course, the eROE and the sitting of the first examination.

**If the trainee dental nurse wishes to defer the scheduled examination a fee of £30.00 will be applicable to the trainee.**

**If the trainee dental nurse fails Part 1 of the summative assessment, a resit fee of £125.00 is applicable to the trainee.**

**If the trainee dental nurse fails Part 2 of the summative assessment a resit fee of £300.00 is applicable to the trainee.**

The National Diploma in Dental Nursing qualification requires the trainee to demonstrate competency in 11 Modules.

Assessments during training and in the NEBDN Examination will cover any of the knowledge and performance competencies set out in the curriculum – indeed, most if not all of them will be assessed at some stage of training or in the examination.

### **Formative assessment – workplace assessment via an electronic Record of Experience**

The qualification is *initially* assessed using a *formative* workplace assessment, the eROE, enables the workplace team to become an integral part of the training of the trainee dental nurse. The eROE consists of 5 Units; these units include the assessment of practical procedures and supplementary outcome assessments in the workplace.

Upon successfully submitting the eRoE to the NEBDN by the required deadline date the trainee then undertakes the *summative* assessment.

### **Unit competencies:**

Unit	Title
1	<b>Practical Record Sheet</b> Preparing and maintaining the clinical environment Sterilisation process Disinfection of impressions
2	<b>Practical Record Sheet</b> Assisting with preventative procedures
3	<b>Practical Record Sheet</b> Clinical assessment Assisting in taking and processing a radiograph

4	<b>Practical Record Sheet</b> Cavity restoration Endodontic procedure Fixed prosthesis procedure Removable prosthesis procedure
5	<b>Practical Record Sheet</b> Extraction procedure Local anaesthetic procedure

### Summative Assessment – Final examination

The *summative* assessment comprises of a written (Single Best Answer (SBA) and Extended Matching Questions (EMQ) and practical (Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) component aimed at assessing knowledge and decision making to demonstrate trainee dental nurses understanding of competencies. The summative assessment also adheres to current educational best practice. The summative assessment will be undertaken with the NEBDN at a specified examination centre.

The assessment methods for each of the knowledge and performance competencies set out in this curriculum are aligned to each competency.

The curriculum is set out in 11 separate modules. Each module describes a different area of professional practice, all modules are mandatory:

#### Module competences:

Module No	Module Title
1	Professionalism and the Role of the Dental Team
2	Health & Safety
3	Dealing with Medical Emergencies
4	General, Dental and Regional Anatomy
5	Oral Disease
6	Prevention of Oral Disease
7	Assessment
8	Restorative Dentistry
9	Child Dental Health
10	Minor Oral Surgery
11	Pain and Anxiety Control

### Staffing and support

- The team delivering the National Diploma in Dental Nursing qualification are occupationally competent
- Their knowledge is current and they all hold a qualification recognised by the GDC for registration and can demonstrate on-going occupational competency.  
You will be allocated a **tutor and assessor** to support you through the duration of the programme.

## Opportunities for further progression

Once you have successfully gained your qualification in the National Diploma in Dental Nursing you will be guided on how to register with the GDC, this will enable you to practice within in a dental clinical setting.

Learners may also wish to pursue opportunities for on-going professional development or further or higher education. Opportunities for consideration may include, but are not limited to:

- Specialist dental nursing roles, for example dental sedation nursing, orthodontics, radiography, oral health, fluoride application
- Dental hygiene or therapy
- Dental technology
- Dental decontamination
- Teaching or mentoring
- Practice management

## Further information/enquiries

If you are interested in applying please complete the attached application form and return it either by post or email to [admin.dcp@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:admin.dcp@mft.nhs.uk) or [Kareline.Bull@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:Kareline.Bull@mft.nhs.uk) or telephone: 0161 272 5670. If you would like to discuss the programme with a member of the administrative team, please contact using the details above.