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The School for Dental Care Professionals**

## **Post Registration Certificate in Dental Sedation Nursing Factsheet**

### **Summary**

This course is aimed at dental nurses who assist in the surgery during routine conscious sedation. The National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN), the awarding body, now provide a choice of dental sedation qualifications for dental nurses who assist in conscious sedation in their own area of clinical practice.

#### **Qualifications available are:**

##### **Certificate in Dental Sedation Nursing (DSN)**

This is the traditional **full** qualification allowing dental nurses to work with all types of sedation commonly used in practice. You will need to be able to gain significant experience in both inhalation and intravenous sedation.

##### **Award in Inhalation Sedation Dental Nursing (IHSN)**

This qualification will allow dental nurses to work with patients undergoing treatment with **inhalation sedation**. You will need to be able to gain significant experience in inhalation sedation.

##### **Award in Intravenous Sedation Dental Nursing (IVSN)**

This qualification will allow dental nurses to work with patients undergoing treatment with **intravenous sedation**. You will need to be able to gain significant experience in intravenous sedation.

The course will run over one year. The study days will include all the theoretical instruction and practical experience needed to fulfil the NEBDN syllabus. Study days will be delivered via a blended learning approach of face to face and MS Teams, you will therefore need to have access to an electronic device with a camera and microphone.

Your progress will be monitored throughout the course and your employer will be kept up to date with your progress. The timetable of events will be discussed at your pre interview and within the course programme.

## Entry

To be eligible for the course you must:

- Be on the GDC register (*we can access the GDC register to obtain a copy*)
- Have support of your employer to assist you in completion of the record of competence (employer must sign a declaration)
- Commit to **100% attendance** on the given course dates
- Be able to meet the clinical requirements for the record of competence

## IMPORTANT NOTE

**Dental Nurses who DO NOT hold a recognised dental nursing qualification must undertake a pre course assessment**

## The Award

In order to achieve the award, you will have to successfully complete: -

- a Record of Competence
- A written examination paper (1 hour 30 minutes – multiple choice and extended matching questions) Candidates for **each** qualification are required to undertake the written examination

Underpinning knowledge and understanding are assessed by the written examination. Practical skills are assessed in the record of competence

## Record of Competence

The Record of Competence is designed to demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills during sedation procedures as outlined in the NEBDN syllabus.

The record of competence is in four parts:

### **PART A – PRACTICAL COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT SHEETS (PCAS)**

Candidates must complete the PCAS to provide evidence of their involvement in the care of patients undergoing conscious sedation and during the recovery stage.

Qualification	Treatment Intravenous	Treatment Inhalation	Recovery Intravenous	Recovery Inhalation
<b>Certificate</b> in Dental Sedation Nursing ( <b>DSN</b> )	20	10	5	0
<b>Award in Inhalation</b> Sedation Dental Nursing ( <b>IHSN</b> )	0	10	0	0
<b>Award in Intravenous</b> Sedation Nursing ( <b>IVSN</b> )	20	0	5	0

## **PART B – EXPANDED CASE STUDIES**

The candidate will be expected to complete either one or two case studies dependent upon the qualification undertake. Each case study must be between 1800 – 2200 words. The case study must meet the set criteria outlined by the NEBDN. The case study/studies will demonstrate evidence of further reading and reflective practice.

Case Studies	<b>Certificate</b> in Dental Sedation Nursing	<b>Award in Inhalation Sedation Dental Nursing</b>	<b>Award in Intravenous Sedation Dental Nursing</b>
<b>Inhalation</b> Sedation Procedure	✓	✓	
<b>Intravenous</b> Sedation Procedure	✓		✓

## **PART C – DIRECTLY OBSERVED CLINICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENTS (DOCS)**

<b><u>Clinical Skill</u></b>	<b><u>DSN</u></b>	<b><u>IHSN</u></b>	<b><u>IVSN</u></b>	<b><u>Required</u></b>
Taking and recording patients blood pressure using an automatic cuff	✓	✓	✓	<b>5</b>
Taking and recording patients oxygen saturation and heart rate using a pulse oximeter	✓		✓	<b>5</b>
Giving pre and post operative instructions to a patient for inhalation sedation	✓	✓		<b>5</b>
Giving pre and post operative instructions to a patient for intravenous sedation	✓		✓	<b>5</b>
Preparing an inhalation sedation machine for use including safety checks	✓	✓		<b>5</b>
Preparing IV sedation equipment and drugs ready for use	✓		✓	<b>5</b>
Drawing up drugs	✓		✓	<b>5</b>
Assisting during the cannulation of patients	✓		✓	<b>5</b>
Removal of a cannula	✓		✓	<b>5</b>
Clearing IV sedation equipment and drugs after use	✓		✓	<b>5</b>
Leading the dental team in the management of a simulated medical emergency	✓	✓	✓	<b>3</b>

## **PART D – SUPPLEMENTARY OUTCOMES**

Candidates must complete each of the supplementary outcomes to a level deemed satisfactory by the course provider. The supplementary outcomes will allow candidates to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of areas of the syllabus in which they may not be able to gain clinical experience.

<b><u>Supplementary Outcomes</u></b>	<b><u>DSN</u></b>	<b><u>IHSN</u></b>	<b><u>IVSN</u></b>
A witnessed copy of a current certificate in BLS/or ILS	✓	✓	✓
A list of equipment used for sedation stating maintenance and service history	✓	✓	✓
A list of emergency drugs stocked and indications for use with expiry dates	✓	✓	✓
Questions relating to current national guidance on conscious sedation in dentistry	✓	✓	✓
A question relating to an ethical dilemma	✓	✓	✓
A short audit relating to patient satisfaction	✓	✓	✓
A question relating to the advantages and disadvantages of alternative methods of pain and anxiety management	✓	✓	✓
Reflective practice	✓	✓	✓
A record of continuing professional development relating to dental sedation nursing and PDP, e.g. background reading, meetings, courses	✓	✓	✓

### **Key:**

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**Award in Inhalation** Sedation Dental Nursing (**IHSN**)

**Award in Intravenous** Sedation Nursing (**IVSN**)

### **Examination date(s) set by the NEBDN**

The NEBDN set the final examination date, dependent upon the start date of your programme.

The SAAD award is awarded to the best overall candidate for the examination (nationally)

### **Cost of the course**

Please refer to application form

### **Interviews**

All candidates must attend for an informal interview prior to being accepted on a course. This will take place by the course facilitator and can be either face to face at the school or via MS Teams.

## Further information

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). If you would like to discuss the programme with a member of the team, please contact via email or telephone 0161 272 5670.