



University Dental Hospital of Manchester  
The School for Dental Care Professionals

## Post Registration Certificate in Orthodontic Nursing Factsheet

### Summary

This course is aimed at dental nurses who assist in orthodontic procedures.

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 along with the support required to compile and submit your Record of Competence and sit the NEBDN examination.

### Entry

To be eligible for the course you must:

- Hold a recognised dental nursing qualification certificate
- Be registered with the General Dental Council
- Be able to meet the clinical requirements for the Record of Competence
- Have the support of your employer in completion of the Record of Competency and be able to **commit to 100% attendance** on the given course dates

**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)

Underpinning knowledge and understanding are assessed by the written examination. Practical skills are assessed in the Record of Competence.

### Written Examination/Examination dates

Candidates will be required to sit a 90-minute written paper consisting of: -

- 45 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)
- 30 items of Extended Matched Questions (EMQ's).

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

## **Record of Competence**

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

To enable you to complete your Record of Competence you must complete all four sections before being entered for the final examination. The four sections comprise of:

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

A PCAS will be completed by an appropriate witness within the workplace to demonstrate clinical competence during orthodontic treatments.

This will include:

- Fixed appliances: - Banding, Bonding, Adjustments, Debonding.
- Removable appliances: - Fitting, Adjustments
- Functional appliances: - Bite registration, Fitting, Adjustment
- Retention: - Bonded, Removable
- Impressions: - Study Models, Functional

### **PART B – EXPANDED CASE STUDIES**

- Complete **TWO** case studies of approximately 1800 - 2200 words, one of which must include an interdisciplinary case

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

Clinical Skills to be assessed are:

- Casting of Models (2 required)
- Oral Health and Care of the Appliance (4 required)
- Taking of Orthodontic Clinical Photographs (5 intra-oral and 5 extra-oral required)

### **PART D – SUPPLEMENTARY OUTCOMES**

The supplementary outcomes will allow you to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of areas within the syllabus where you may not be able to gain clinical experience or access.

Supplementary outcomes that **MUST** be included in the ROC are:

- A set of photographs of base trimmed study models in occlusion
- Clinical photographs
- Cephalometric tracing, measurement and digitisation
- An IOTN assessment

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- A PAR assessment
- Reflective practice
- Record of relevant continued professional development and PDP

The supplementary outcomes will be marked by the course provider.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

**It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure they have access to the clinical requirements of the Record of Competence; this will not be provided on the course.**

In order to be awarded the final qualification you must:

- Complete the Record of Competence to meet the required standard
- Achieve a pass in the written paper

## **Cost of the course**

Please refer to the 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.