



Dental Nursing NVQ

Do you run a mile at the sound of a dentist's drill? If the answer is no then a career as a Dental Nurse could be just the job to make you smile. As a dental nurse you could have a key role working alongside dentists to care for patients.

You could be responsible for a wide range of tasks including preparing the surgery, making sure all the instruments and materials are to hand, assisting the dentist during examinations and treatments, making appointments and dealing with payments. Our NVQ in Oral Health Care has been developed with the support of the National Examination Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN) to make sure that it meets all the professional needs of dental nurses.

This level 3 NVQ is aimed at dental nurses who provide direct patient care and support during treatments—from preparing materials for fillings and supporting the dentist during procedure to practice management.

Mandatory Units—All 11 must be completed

- Ensure your own actions reduce the risk to health & safety
- Reflect on and develop your practice
- Provide Basic Life Support
- Prepare and maintain environments, instruments, and equipment for clinical dental procedures
- Offer information and support to individuals on the protection of their oral health
- Contribute to the production of dental radiographs
- Provide chair side support during the provision of fixed and removable appliances
- Provide chair side support during non surgical endodontic treatment
- Provide chair side support during the extraction of teeth and minor surgery

You can take units individually as part of a unit route if you do not wish to take the full NVQ (you must complete all 11 units to gain full NVQ)

As this is an NVQ you can learn, train and demonstrate your true skills on the job. Your abilities will be tested in the workplace and you will need to prove that you can do a number of work related tasks. You will be assessed in several ways: by portfolio—you build up a folder of evidence of what you have done at work; and by observation—an assessor watches you work and checks that you really can do the tasks.

Once you've got your NVQ you could move on to study for further awards, perhaps in oral health education or radiography. You could even go on to train as a dental hygienist or dental therapist.