

Covid 19 Additional areas for simulation - February 2021

Awarding Organisation	NCFE	Qualification Titles	Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (601/2251/1) Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (Integrated Apprenticeship) (603/6671/0)
Qualification features	(Pre-registration) Dental Nurse licence to practise	Level	3

Dental Nurse unit breakdown (All assessment criteria must still be met in full by each individual student)	Key
	Orange - Knowledge only, no simulation required
	Green – Additional areas for simulation proposed
	Red - Simulation not permitted
DN(I)* 1: Contribute to health and safety in the dental environment	Currently observation, expert witness testimony or reflective accounts are required for LOs 1 and 3. While placement access remains problematic due to Covid 19, we will now also permit simulation for these LOs only. Simulated evidence must be triangulated and applied in line with the guidance agreed by the GDC, which is outlined in the adaptation addendum.
DN(I) 2: Work within regulatory requirements in relation to the role of a dental nurse	Currently observation, expert witness testimony or reflective accounts are required for LOs 1 and 2. While placement access remains problematic due to Covid 19, we will now also permit simulation for these LOs only. Simulated evidence must be triangulated and applied in line with the guidance agreed by the GDC, which is outlined in the adaptation addendum.

DN(I) 3: Reflect on and develop own practice as a dental nurse	This entire unit carries a requirement for assessment in a real work environment. While placement access remains problematic due to Covid 19 simulation is permitted for this unit. Simulated evidence must be triangulated and applied in line with the guidance agreed by the GDC, which is outlined in the adaptation addendum.
DNI(I) 4: Prepare and maintain environments, instruments and equipment for clinical dental procedures	Currently observation, expert witness testimony or reflective accounts are required for LO2. While placement access remains problematic due to Covid 19, we will now also permit simulation for this LO only (provided that the learner has access to a real work environment/mock surgery). Simulated evidence must be triangulated and applied in line with the guidance agreed by the GDC, which is outlined in the adaptation addendum.
DN(I) 5: Promote oral health for individuals	Currently observation, expert witness testimony or reflective accounts are required for LOs 1 and 2. While placement access remains problematic due to Covid 19, we will now also permit simulation (including role play) for these LOs only. Simulated evidence must be triangulated and applied in line with the guidance agreed by the GDC which is outlined in the adaptation addendum. Learners could also communicate with patients over virtual platforms. Please note that simulation is already permitted for this unit in the Integrated Dental Nursing qualification.
DN(I) 6: Provide support during the assessment of individuals' oral health	Currently observation, expert witness testimony or reflective accounts are required for LOs 1 and 2. While placement access remains problematic due to Covid 19, we will now also permit simulation (provided that the learner has access to a real work environment/mock surgery), for these LOs only. Simulated evidence must be triangulated and applied in line with the guidance agreed by the GDC which is outlined in the adaptation addendum.
DN(I) 7: Contribute to the production of dental images	No simulation is permitted here. This is a priority area for assessment in the workplace due to the access to equipment and need for patient interaction. Existing adaptations outlined in the Adaptation Addendum still apply.
DN(I) 8: Provide support during the prevention and control of periodontal disease, caries and the restoration of cavities	No simulation is permitted here. This is a priority area for assessment in the workplace due to the access to equipment and need for patient

	interaction. Existing adaptations outlined in the Adaptation Addendum still apply.
DN(I) 9: Provide support during the provision of fixed and removable prosthesis	No simulation is permitted here. This is a priority area for assessment in the workplace due to the access to equipment and need for patient interaction. Existing adaptations outlined in the Adaptation Addendum still apply.
DN(I) 10: Provide support during non-surgical endodontic treatment	No simulation is permitted here. This is a priority area for assessment in the workplace due to the access to equipment and need for patient interaction. Existing adaptations outlined in the Adaptation Addendum still apply.
DN(I) 11: Provide support during the extraction of teeth and minor oral surgery procedures	No simulation is permitted here. This is a priority area for assessment in the workplace due to the access to equipment and need for patient interaction. Existing adaptations outlined in the Adaptation Addendum still apply.
DN(I) 12: Principles of infection control in the dental environment	Knowledge only
DN(I) 13: Dental anatomy and assessment of oral health	Knowledge only
DN(I) 14: Principles and techniques of dental radiography	Knowledge only
DN(I) 15: Principles of managing oral disease and dental procedures	Knowledge only
DN(I) 16: Understand ethics and professionalism in dental nursing	Knowledge only
UFAE(I): First aid essentials	Simulation is already permitted.

*NB. Units entitled 'DNI' are within the integrated qualification. Units entitled 'DN' are within the standalone qualification. Learning outcomes are identical in each.